

The Class Of...

2025

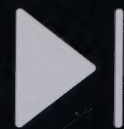
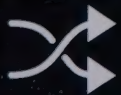


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High School

2024

2025





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2024 followers 2025 following

Edit



Genique Flournoy-Hamilton

Principal

This year, we didn't just show up—we turned up the volume. From the classroom to the court, the stage to the science lab, every moment echoed with growth, resilience, and pride. As the Phoenix, we rise—amplifying our voices, our values, and our vision for the future. These pages celebrate the sound of our journey and the rhythm of a legacy that continues to rise.

**School****Discover****Library**

Roger León, Superintendent

Maria Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent

Mission Statement

Our mission is to deliver an academically rigorous and culturally responsive instructional program that prepares every student for success and builds knowledge, strengthens character, cultivates ingenuity, and fosters leadership.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to build a new educational ecosystem that provides a world-class education for every child in Newark.

Core Values

Children at the Center

Every child is a genius and it is our responsibility to keep their dreams and needs at the center of all decisions.

Commitment to Excellence

We commit to continual, strategic, innovative, and research-based improvement in order to demonstrate excellence at all levels of the organization.

Reciprocal Relationships

We provide opportunities for impactful collaboration within and beyond the organization resulting in student success.

Cultivating Agency

We empower students to become advocates for themselves and for others.

Equity

We disrupt and rebuild every practice, policy, resource distribution, and system that may act as a barrier to opportunities for all.



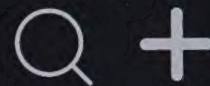
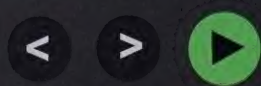
UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE HUMANITIES

55 Clinton Place
Newark, New Jersey 07108

Home of the Phoenix

*Where every voice found its spark, every step echoed with purpose,
and every day added a note to our legacy—this is where we rose.*

Responsibility **I**ntegrity **S**ervice **E**xcellence



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"They not like us, They not like us, They not like us..."

Kendrick Lamar



The lyrics that Kendrick Lamar made popular in his song, "Not Like Us" echo the sentiments of what I hope your University High School journey has imprinted in your identity and instilled in your soul... "They Not Like Us." While these last four years have been about your academic development, what has been equally important is the development of your confidence, your drive, your grit and, of course, your excellence. You are among the best and the brightest scholars around this world and as you step into your next phase of life, I demand that you never forget that "They NOT LIKE YOU."

It is so important that you do not allow the challenges of the world to diminish your understanding of your excellence. Don't allow racism, sexism, classism, and/or intimidation from anyone or any institution to cause you to question your excellence. You are leaving University High School understanding that your uniqueness means that, "They Not Like YOU."

They Not Like the brilliant minds who earned 1,113 college credits prior to leaving high school, *They Not Like* the diligent scholars graduating with an associate's college degree and a high school diploma in the same year, *They Not Like* the resounding voices of the National Speech Champion who has shared the stories of Emmett Till and Jamaica Kinkaid, and *They Not Like* the scholar athlete who scored 1,000 points as a junior and earned three state championships. "They Not Like" the Class of 2025 who was awarded thousands in college scholarships thus far. "They Not Like" those of you who will be first generation college students after graduating high school. Bottom line is, "They Not Like YOU."

Over the last four years, you "popped out and showed them" what it means to R.I.S.E.! In a world full of distractions, you stayed focused, pushed forward, and proved that greatness doesn't follow the crowd — it leads. You chose hard work over shortcuts, character over clout, and community over ego. And that's what sets you apart. That's why "They Not Like YOU." You're not just another graduating class — you're trailblazers and as you step into the next chapter of your life, remember this:

You don't have to fit in. You already stand out.

You don't have to chase trends. You set them.

You don't have to be like anyone else—you're exactly who you were born to be and the truth is..."THEY NOT LIKE YOU!"

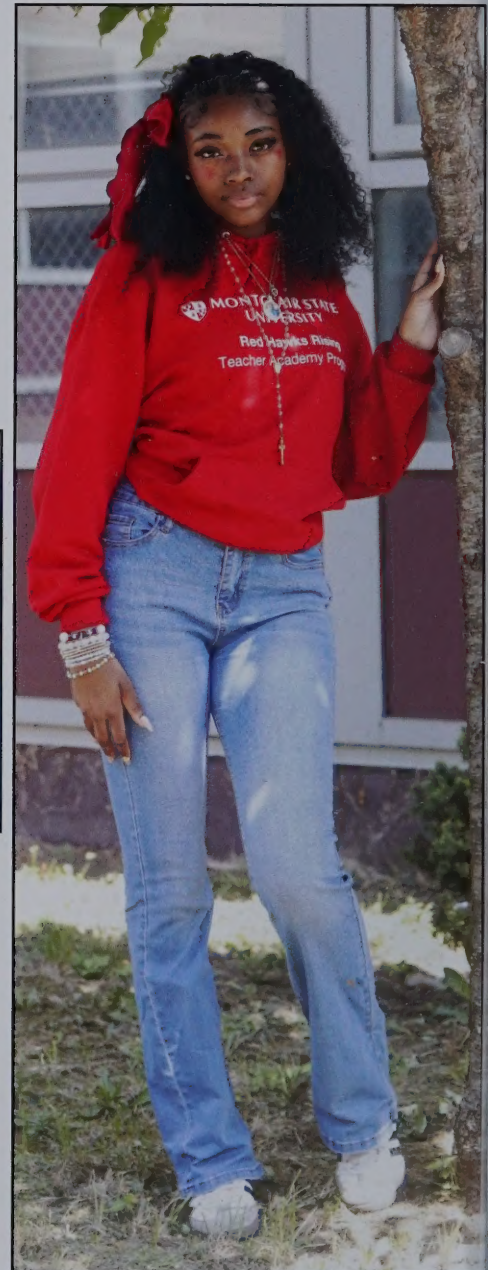
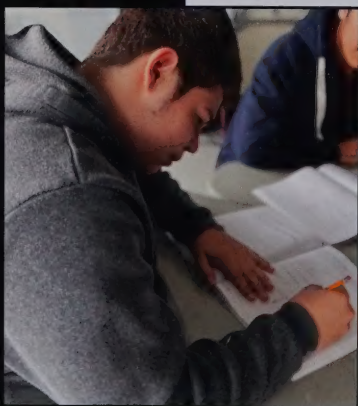
Thank you for inspiring me and contributing to the great University High School legacy.

Congratulations Class of 2025!

With Phoenix Pride,
Principal Hamilton

Amplifying a Legacy of Excellence

University High School has historically been synonymous with academic excellence within the city of Newark and beyond. Our goal is to regain the heights for which we were honored and respected throughout the district. To rise again, we will foster within our walls a community of leaders that will hold themselves responsible for their actions and affect a sea of change within our school family that will help transform the city. Our core values of responsibility, integrity, service, and excellence (R.I.S.E) will be consistently practiced, pursued and pervasive throughout the University High School family. Our school symbol, the Phoenix is a mythical bird that defies the expectations of the natural world by rising from its own ashes to soar to greater heights. With a renewed sense of purpose, we will work hard to turn mythology into reality at "The" University High School of Newark, New Jersey.





UNIVERSITY HIGH

The school was founded in 1969 as School Within A School (SWAS), and housed in South Side High School (currently Malcolm. X. Shabazz). It was designed to provide college preparatory classes to Newark students. In 1977, the school moved to High Street and the name was changed to

University High School to indicate both the purpose and proximity to major universities. There, University High School became a school, rather than a program. For the 1981-1982 school year, the school was moved into its present location, the old Clinton Place Jr. High.



I am

I am beautiful
on purpose
I come in many shades
and styles
I am outstanding
From the way I walk
to the way I Talk
I am intelligent
And
I can do whatever
I put my mind to
And create
whatever I think of
I am already a success
Because I study, I
learn, and I work hard
My school needs me
My family needs me
And my community
needs me
I will let nothing or
no one stand in my
way
I am the faith my
ancestors prayed with
I am the change
my people hoped for
I Believe in myself
I trust in myself
And I owe it to myself
to be the best
Because I know the
best thing in the world
to be is me
Knowing
The world is because
I was
And It will be because
I am

Ras Baraka



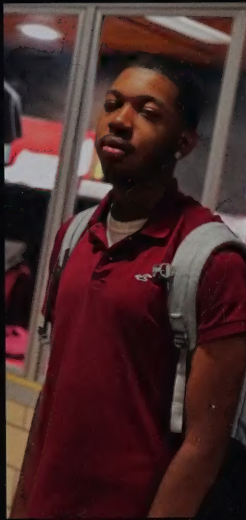
Responsibility



Integrity



Service



Excellence





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Amplifying Minds, One Lesson at a Time



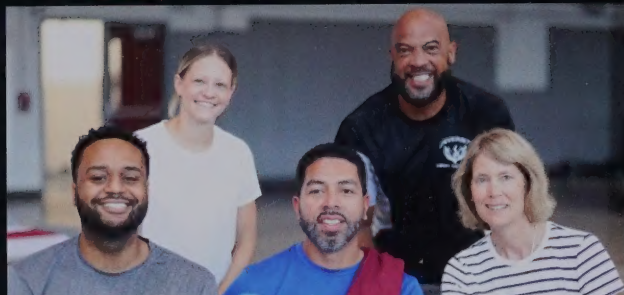
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FACULTY & STAFF

Behind every rising student is a dedicated educator guiding the way. Our faculty and staff are the steady rhythm in our journey—amplifying knowledge, modeling integrity, and inspiring excellence every day. They lead not just with lessons, but with purpose, patience, and power. Their commitment echoes through every classroom, shaping a legacy that continues to rise. With every word spoken and every lesson taught, they help compose the soundtrack of our success.

*...the steady
rhythm in our
journey...*



Administration



Genique Flournoy-Hamilton, Principal



Shavon Chambers, Vice Principal



Isaiah Cromwell, Vice Principal



Amir Billups
Department Chairperson,
Social Studies



Desiree Jones
Department Chairperson
Science



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Department Chairperson
English



Michelle Wilson
Department Chairperson
Health, Physical Education &
Athletics

Faculty & Staff

Behind the Scenes, Ahead of the Need



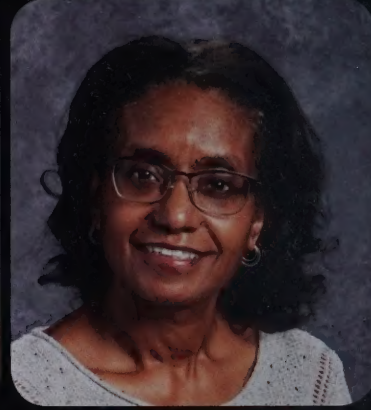
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School Psychologist*



*Lawren Monroe
School Social Worker*



*Yolanda Spicer
School Nurse*



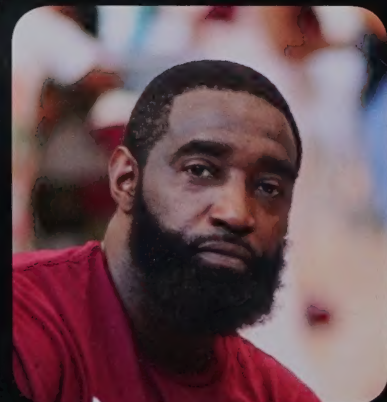
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School Counselor*



*Maryum Raheem
School Counselor*



*Alexandra Walker
School Counselor*



*Elijah Allen
Attendance Counselor*



*Sharee Gordon
Family Liaison*



*Za'Mijaey Singleton
School Clerk*



*Ashanti Wallace
School Clerk*

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Supporting Growth, Inspiring Achievement



Instructional Support



*Xarial Chandler
Per Diem Substitute*



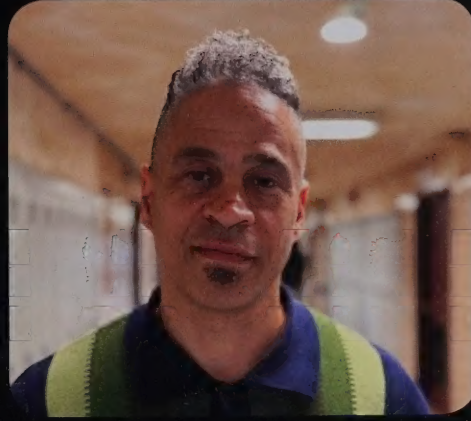
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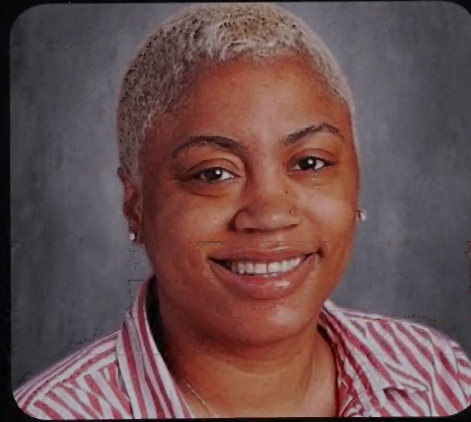
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Substitute*



*Marcus Reeves
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Substitute*



*Lymon Smith
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*Egypt Vernon
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Substitute*

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Speaking Boldly, Writing Bravely

... English Language Arts



Alyssa Louis



Doretta Sockwell

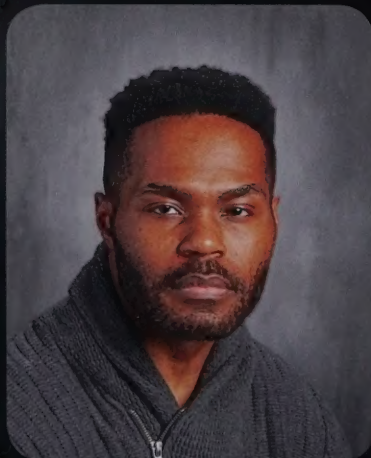


Elmyria Gill



Stephanie Bowles-Jones

Where words find power and voices rise—
amplifying thought, truth and timeless stories.



Bahliel Lott



Keoni Parson



Cynthia Aguilar



Ernest Pope

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Adding Value, Multiplying Potential



Mathematics

In every problem lies a possibility—keep solving, keep growing, and amplify the power of your own mind.

Rahul Thakkur

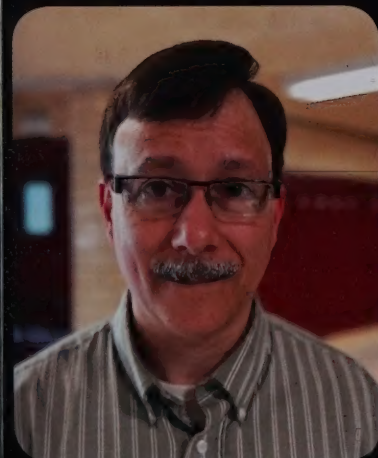


Bernice Villalba



Tracey Ferville

Where numbers speak and solutions rise—
amplifying precision and possibility.



Peter Santino



Roberto Suarez



Coral Kennedy



Gabriela Gutierrez

Faculty & Staff

Exploring History, Empowering Tomorrow



Social Studies



Robert Brandt



Susan Febinger



Jamil Jannah

Voices of the past echo here, reminding us how we've come—and how far we're meant to rise.



Emani Jenkins



Joshua Kiser



James Leyva



Rinki Panchi

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Connecting Cultures, Fueling Curiosity



World Language



Roxanna Cangre



Amir Guergues



Elliot Ramo

Words and wonders echo here, reminding us
how we deeply connect and how far
curiosity can take us.

Science



Danielle Kelly



Coi Morrison



Nkoseh Okwuchukwu



Khadeeja Riaz

Faculty & Staff

Fueling Ambition, Inspiring Expression



Career & Technical Ed.



Kamika Bennett



Stephen Bowles



Liza Lopez-Bowe



Patricia Louis



Majid Mirza

Visual & Performing Arts



Ishwann Dixon



Stacey-Ann Graham



D'Quan McKnight



Nikkia Neal

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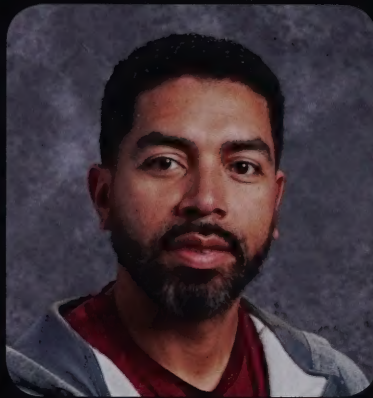
Fueling Fitness, Nourishing Body and Spirit



Health, PE & Athletics



Mary Dean



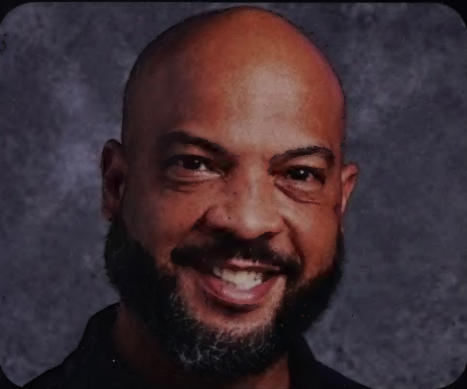
Fabio Diaz



Stephanie Fego



Tommy Rosario



Kevin Ware



Nicole Johnson, Athletic Trainer

Food Service



Tah-Leeyah Brantley
Senior Cook



Amelia Cummings



Lonetta McDonald



Ya-Keesha McDonald

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Uplifting Spaces, Elevating Care



Tamika Drake
Senior Custodian



Kwesi Abdur-Rahim

Custodial

We take pride in every hallway and every classroom—because when we care for the space, we amplify the spirit of the school.

Ka'Ronn Branch-Boundurant

The unseen hands behind the harmony—
quietly amplifying pride, care and excellence
in every corner.



Kiyannah Darby



Shantez Davis



Hassanah Todd

Faculty & Staff

Strength in Service, Safety in Action



Security



Qawan Bryant



Danika Johnson



Kharee Prosser

Holding the line with integrity and strength—
amplifying a culture where every student can rise in
safety and confidence.



LaSonya Nevius



Yamin Reddick

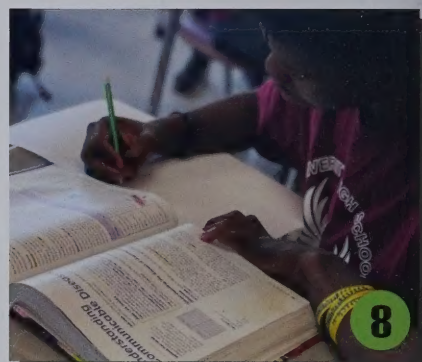
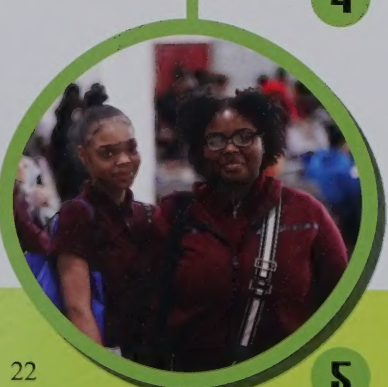


Adam Savage



Nahjia Terry

NEXT UP ON THE PLAYLIST

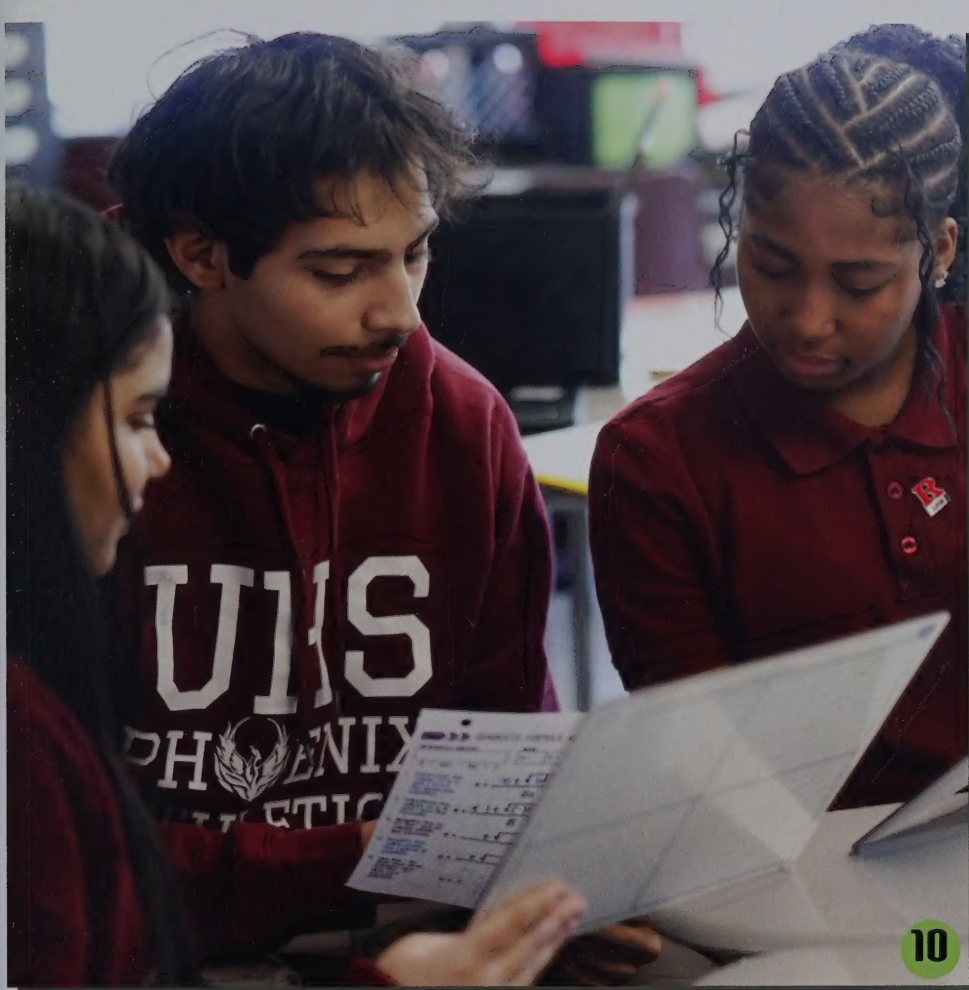


Find your voice, turn it up, and let the world hear who you are becoming.



**CREATE BOLDLY, LEAD INTENTIONALLY,
AND AMPLIFY YOUR RHYTHM
TO LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT.**





Every journey is unique, and your voice matters in shaping what comes next. As you grow through challenges and celebrate victories, remember that leadership isn't about being the loudest—it's about staying true to your sound. Trust your instincts, live with purpose, and leave behind a beat that others will be inspired to follow.



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11th Grade

Class of 2026

Junior Playlist

- 1 Ready or Not - Bridgit Mendler/ Fugees
- 2 Can't Hold Us - Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- 3 Run the World (Girls) - Beyoncé
- 4 Hall of Fame - The Script ft. will.i.am
- 5 Born for This - The Score
- 6 Whatever It Takes - Imagine Dragons
- 7 On My Way - Alan Walker/Phil Collins
- 8 Control - Zoe Wees
- 9 High Hopes - Panic! At The Disco
- 10 Ain't No Stoppin Us Now - McFadden & Whitehead



Lowell Abreu



Danaisa Acosta



Joshua Akerere



Zany'e Alexander



Zuriel Alvarez



Trent Artis



Davon Barrow



Cornell Blackwell



Antonella Cajamarca



Yasmin Caldwell



La'Ziah Campos



Sy'aire Casper



Justin Contreras



Kayla Cook



Trezhur Cromer



Mackhalla Dixon

With their eyes on the finish line and their voices growing louder, the junior class is stepping into leadership—ready to amplify their impact in their final year ahead.



Izahnae Dobbs



Malicai Feliciano



Tiane Fleming



Tessiah Foster



Kerolos Francis



Joshua Funes-
Rodriguez



Iyona Gaddie



Kaniya Gaddie



Laylah Germany



Lishontae Giles



Stacey Gomez



Carryn
Grand-Pierre



Malik Hall



Shyon Hammond



Olivia Harris



Iretomiwa Hassan



James Hathcock



Taniyah Henry



Kamryn Hinds



Brian Holt Jr.



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Now
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Briana Holt



Zaniyah Howell



Igousa Iyamu



Za'Kyrah Jackson



Ke'Asia Johnson



Nariek Jones



Paul Jones



Fatoumata Kamara



Zamyah Kelly



Mariame Kourouma



Taylor LaRue



Naheemat Lawal



Danyelle Lewis



Zhaniyah
Majette-Harris



Kayla Mazyck



Favour Mbunwe



Ade McCoy



Rosa Melendez



Wiltes Mercedat



Kensley Milfort

11th Grade
Class of 2026



Kalimah Moore



Mamawah Musa



Briesleidy Nunez



Al-Nisa Onion



Z'naya Onque



Nick Orellana



Jade Peralta



Kiyomani Purkett



Cherish Rawls



Yerlin Rivas



Ashley Robinson



Sakiayyah
Robinson



Da'Jae Rogers



Ryan Romain



Zahir Sanders



Andrea Scott



Alyssa Smith



Sasha Taylor



Elquin Tenezaca



Tashan Thomas

Beyond the Frame—Still Part of the Legacy



Da'Mya Williams

Saraiah Brickhouse-Pettiway
Zariyah Freeman
Shantoya King
Rashaad Persuad
Tarif Singleton
Janiyyah Wright

Iyannah Camel
Briyona Hawkins
Nicholas Nascimento
Azir Purkett
Brooksie Smith





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10th Grade

Class of 2027

Sophomore Playlist

- 1 Stronger - Kanye West
- 2 Started From the Bottom - Drake
- 3 Unstoppable - Sia
- 4 Rise up - Andra Day
- 5 Survivor - Destiny's Child
- 6 The Climb - Miley Cyrus
- 7 Eye of the Tiger - Survivor
- 8 Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
- 9 Don't Stop Believin - Journey
- 10 Level Up - Ciara



Anabely Abreu



Nyveyah Adams



Gisvely Aguirre



Zakiyha Ali



Iyanii Anthony



Azaan Aqeel



Isaiah
Artis-Williams



Josephine Aryeh



Isis Baraka



Asya Barnes



Maxyeen Bastien



Kayden Beckles



Hakeem Boykins



Zy'nae Brinson



Benjamin Burgess



Kaylen Byron

Through challenges and changes, the sophomore class found their rhythm—proving that even in the tough moments, their strength and growth could still be amplified.



Mario Calderini



Cameron Cale



Joshua Campos



Elissa Carcamo



Walid Chisone



Jayden Crawford



Jalen Cromer



Skyler Cuautle



Michael Culley



Clarissa David



Nafaye' Davis



Ciara De los Santos



Mariana Declet



Quame Dobbs



Marion
Durant-Moore



Madison Edwards



Dante Elliott



Elijah Ford



Luis Franco



Adelis Garcia



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Yariel Gomez



Assante Hamilton



Amia
Hazlewood-Durrant



Taraji Horace



David Inegbedion



Marelyn Interiano



Earl Jacobs



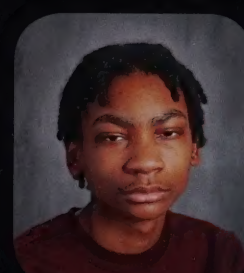
A'Layne Johnson



Laurent Johnson



Noir Jones



Ahmad Judd



Prosper Jududoe



Jaelyn Kirkland



Analeigh Lilly



Imani Mainer



Shanaa
Manning-Cook



Vanessa
Marcos-Lopez



Amiyah Martinez



Nemeni Martinez



Wilmarie
Martinez-Garcia



Kaseem McCormack



Radwin McKenzie



Jaziah McLean



Nazier Mobley



Deja Moody



Anibal Nieves



Kemaiyah
Pickens-Robinson



Jayquan Quick



Amani Ramos



Dajeane Ray



Jah'nyd Reddick



Zahmier Rhymes



Nydia Richards



Kamaria Rivers



Jayla
Robinson Hagens



Anaya Rodriguez



Anthony Rodriguez



Najid Rodriguez



Johnell Ross



Brianna Sanchez



Bay'le Schofield



Victoria Simpson



Omar Singleton



Zaila Singleton



Thairen Smith





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Shameya Souvenir



Nevaeh Stevenson



Edinson Suarez



Demetrius Talbert



Haneef Taylor



Jeremiah Thomas



Erin Travis



Kayla Trent



Zy'Shawn Tuck



Breidy
Vallejo-Figuero



Jayden Vasquez



Jermaine Walker



Darren Warren



Sheila Wright



Naydelyn
Yunganuala-Cabrera



Linda Yusuf

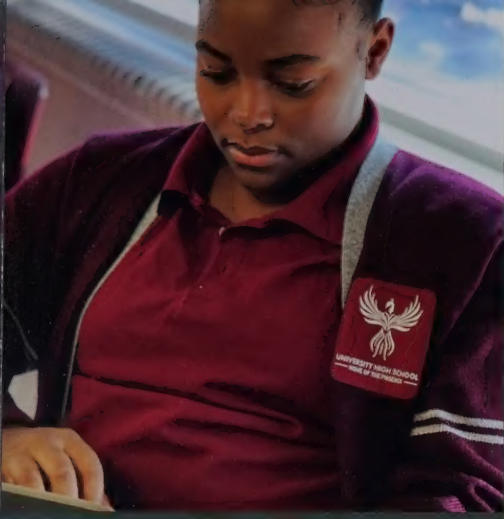


Janiesah Zeigler

Beyond the Frame—Still Part of the Legacy

Sumiyah Freeman
Leury Jacquez Rodriguez
Armaan Murtuza
Skyla Nieves
Kimberly Ottah
Mo Nae Simpson

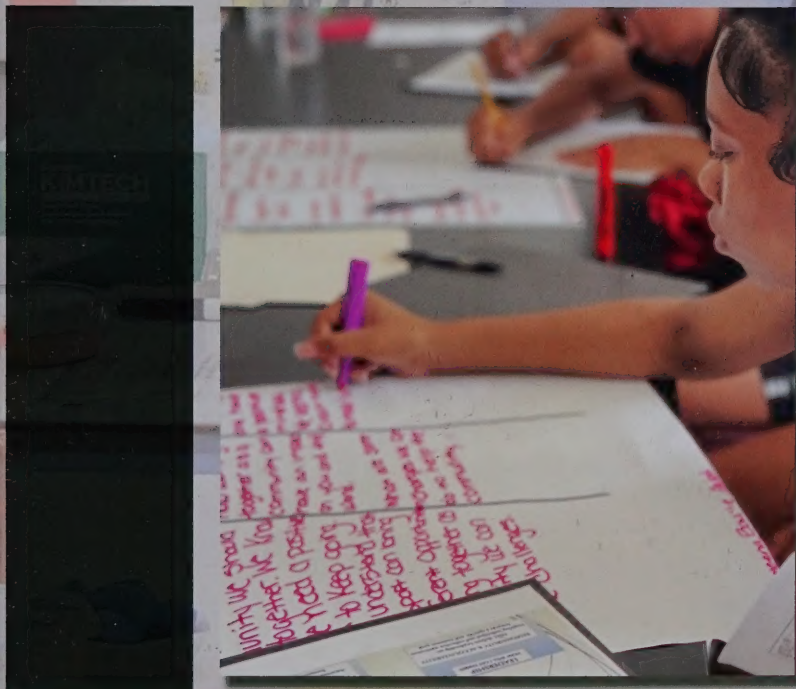




Sophomores rose to meet many challenges with focus and determination. Each step forward will only strengthen their voice, sharpen their purpose and amplify their presence in our school community. Their momentum is growing—and the best is yet to come.



Amplifying the Climb





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9th Grade

Class of 2028

Freshman Playlist

- 1 Here Comes the Boom - Nelly
- 2 Fire Under My Feet - Leona Lewis
- 3 Unstoppable - Sia
- 4 Rise Up - Andra Day
- 5 Started Out - Georgia
- 6 Next Up Lil Baby
- 7 Breakthrough Lemonade Mouth
- 8 Young Legends - The Score
- 9 Champion - Carrie Underwood ft. Ludacris
- 10 Stronger Than I Was - Eminem



Ian Akuro



Gracy Alexandre



Mahkaiah Ali



Jayda Anatole



Dominick Anderson



Kymoni Anderson



Gabriel Ayerh



O'Mari Ballard



Jalen Banks



Anah Barton



Abass Bello



Emilia Benfield



Janluis
Bernal Santiago



Jeremiah Bowen



Jannah Breland



Josiah Brown

*The freshman class may be new to the journey,
but their impact is already being felt—
amplifying their potential with every step. They
are setting a powerful tone rooted in
responsibility, integrity, service and excellence.*



Kidane Burke



Al-enie Carroll



Aseelah Carter



Ashley Castillo



Kaythan Castillo



Kamari Cheek



Diariatou Cisse



Thiara Colon



Tatiana Contreras



Dakota Creath



Grace Davis



Shantaya Davis



Josmanuel
De Leon-Bernard



Chelsea Deans



Eluvia
Del Cid Cardona



Amir Dixon-Vilceus



Digra Djonga



Engel Espinoza



Marcello Gomes



Angelina Gonzalez



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Jayden Gonzalez



Deziah Hall



Deandra Hamilton



Saralee Hanson



Capri Harris



Saniiyah Hatcher



Auzariayah
Henderson



Janiyah Hester



Jazeera Hill



Jovany Hinds



Angel Hines



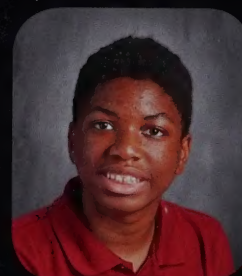
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Melanie Ibanibo



Tasfia Jannat



Perry
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Amani Johnson



Arielle Johnson



Jahzarrah Johnson



Khaijee Jones



Zakur Jones

9th Grade
Class of 2028



Luigi Julien



Mamawa Kelleh



Za'mar Kelly



Jaydon Lawson



Destiny Long



Esvi Lopez Aguilar



Belonica Maceno



Fallon Matthews



Imani McGibboney



Destiny Medina



Manuel
Monroy-Hidalgo



Kyanna Montague



Cinseer Murray



Nevaeh Nash



Deborah Ogunlana



Isaiah Osagie



Michael Osikoya



Jahlil Pamplin



Vanessa
Parra Balon



Da'vion Patrick



Mykael Paulino



Jamaal Perry



Janiyla Perry



Amar'e Phillip



Ishmael Pray



Amplify



School



Discover



Library

Freshman Playlist

- 1 Here Comes the Boom - Nelly
- 2 Fire Under My Feet - Leona Lewis
- 3 Unstoppable - Sia
- 4 Rise Up - Andra Day
- 5 Started Out - Georgia
- 6 Next Up Lil Baby
- 7 Breakthrough Lemonade Mouth
- 8 Young Legends - The Score
- 9 Champion - Carrie Underwood ft. Ludacris
- 10 Stronger Than I Was - Eminem



Unique Price



Amira Pruitt



Azeem Pruitt



Indiyah Pugh



Chassidy Ramdeen



Aidaliz Ramos



Cheldweena Raymond



Tori Reaves



Leilani Rodriguez



Yaside Sanou



Julian Scovil



Rayyana Shields



Alionnah Slade



Antoine Smith Jr.



Rennice Smith



Anyel Solano



Sanai Speight



Destiny Teron



Ja'Khi Thomas



Jevon Tillman

9th Grade
Class of 2028



Destinee' Tolbert



Ivonne Umana



Malachi Ward



Dejah Whatley



Khiriyah Williams



Dre'Vaughn Wilson



Za'Yannah Witherspoon



Makayla Woods

Beyond the Frame—Still Part of the Legacy

Zahir Bryant

Kesean Carter

Mouhamed Doumbia

Kalimah Folks

Arianna Hatcher

Jahmir Parker

Milan Rivers

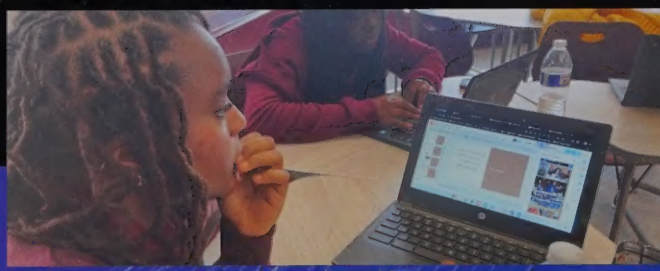
Lailah Williams



Amplifying the First Note

The
freshman
class arrived
with energy,
curiosity, and a desire
to make their mark.
From the first day,
they've shown they're
not just finding their
rhythm--they're

helping set the tone
for what's next. With
each step, they're
amplifying a new
legacy of promise,
pride and purpose.

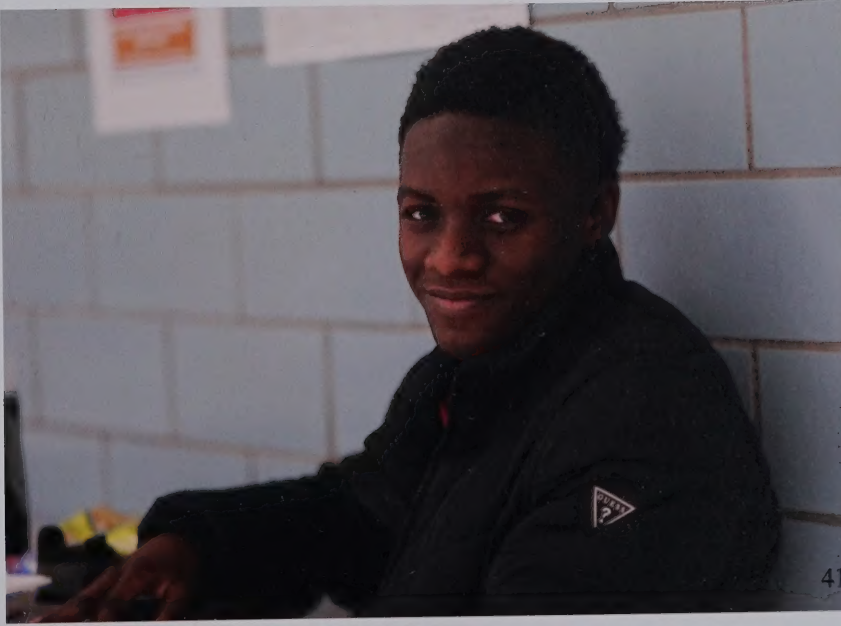




Class Of
SENIOR



2025



CLASS OF 2025



Geraldine Alvarado
University High School
Class of 2025
Valedictorian

The Class of 2025 rose with intention, resilience, and rhythm. From their first steps through these halls to their final walk across the stage, they've turned up the volume on what it means to lead with purpose. Together, they've amplified voices of change, creativity, and community—leaving behind a legacy defined by responsibility, integrity, service, and excellence. This class didn't just follow tradition—they set the tempo for what comes next.

At the forefront of this remarkable group stands our valedictorian, a scholar whose dedication, discipline, and determination earned the highest honor. Their academic journey reflects not only personal achievement but also the spirit of a class that challenged itself to rise, to lead, and to be heard. Their voices, like so many in this graduating class, will continue to echo far beyond these walls.



Ahmad Abiola



Solim Agbada



Sarah Alphonse



Mary Aribio



Raevin Armstrong



Sajada Austin



Zaniyah Austin



Erik Bautista-San Juan



Najae Baxter



Rihanna Bell



Amya Berry



Samiyah Bridges



Kayla Brown



Lizbeth Cabral



Nyla Callaway



Maria Campoverde-Velecela



Rebecca Cardoso



Jaydah Carswell



Briyuanna Carter



Jeidy Cerda Encarnacion



Rehanna Coppedge



Amira Corbett



Jaedon Dickerson



Marlez Edwar



Kiana Ellis



Brayan Espinoza-Rivera



Tytianna Evans



Paradise Fisher



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Anthony Freire-Vargas



Ava Gardner



Shenacy Gaspar



Sa'Rai Gordon



Jayden Grant



Yasir Green



Za'Myah Hairston



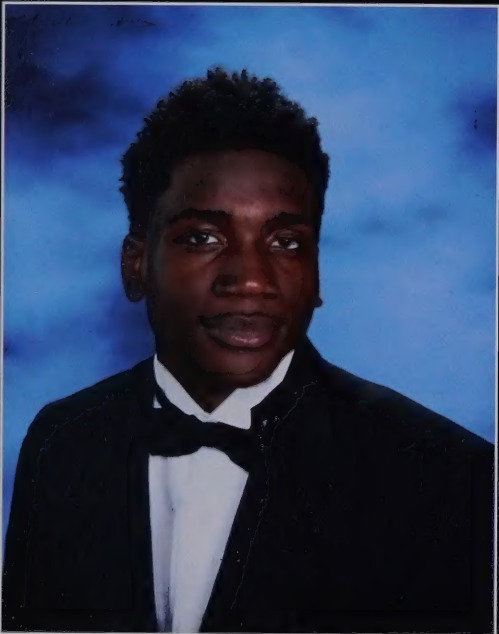
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Cadera Harrell



Jah'nayah Hathcock



Ja'Shayne Hayes



Jayanna Hayes



Marlon Hemley



Ayonna Henry



Samiyah Hutchins



El-Dannia Hylton



Destiny Jackson-Floyd



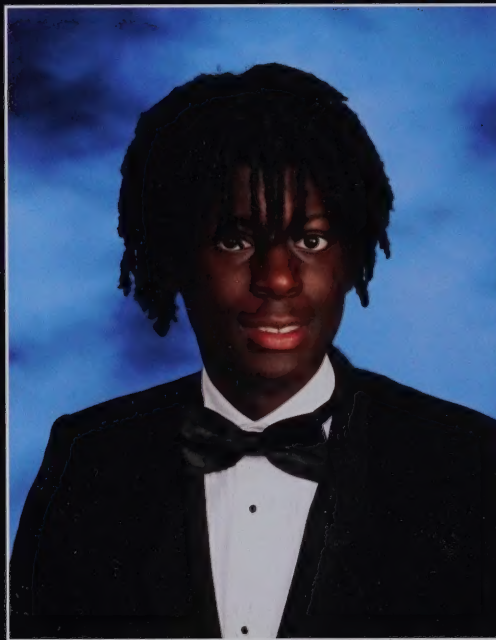
Al-Jamir Johnson



Kimaya Jones



Mia Jones



Gustave Kabwe



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Len'asia Kelly



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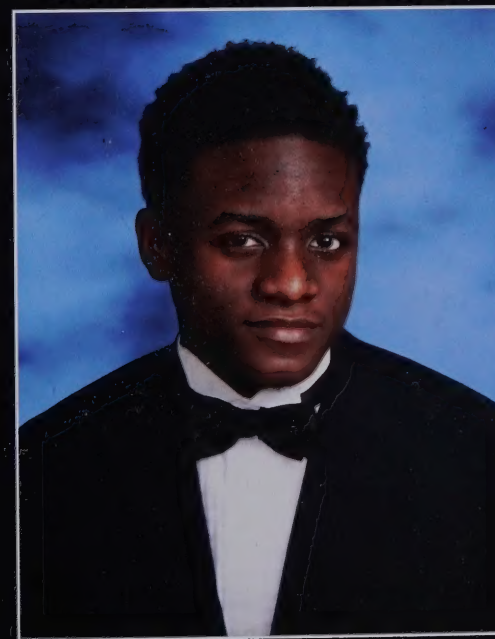
Jason Melgar-Rodriguez



Briana Monroe



Q'ymirah Muhammad



Damian Myles



Donea' Nelson Charles



Yassan Parrish



Layla Phillips



Jeff Prempeh



Al-Tariq Purdie



Di'Manay Randolph



Faizan Rathore



Kiandra Rodriguez



Leonellys Rodriguez



Djeneba Sacko



Lizbeth Santana



Nyasia Simpson



Maricela Siri-Umana



Amir Smith



Sekoi Smith



Tawanah Smith



Samiyah Spencer



Dre'Shawn Starks-Jones



Rayvin Stubbs



Naazhir Swangin



Ki-Lin Thomas



Taliah Thomas



Zyonna Tillery



Jahmari Tillman



Al-Jamar Walker Fareed



Michaela White



Bilal Williams



Gloria Williams



Nahiyyah Williams



Krystian Wilson-Williamson



Messiah Wooden



Malakai Yepes

Beyond the Frame—Still Part of the Legacy

Narelyn Camacho

Nysir Early

Eliot Hernandez

Aaliyah Littles

Kishaaran Rasalingam

Elijah Serrano

Za'Niyah Webb



Each face on these pages tells a story of growth, grit, and greatness. Together, they form the final track of a class that rose, led and left a legacy. The sound of their journey may fade from the halls—but its echo will carry on.

Angel McNeil-Fulmore





These ten rose above the noise—amplifying discipline, excellence, and determination with every step. Their achievements aren't just numbers; they're the opening notes of legacies still being written.



Valedictorian
Geraldine Alvarado



Salutatorian
Di'Manay Randolph



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*Lizbeth
Santana*



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*Kimaya
Jones*



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*Mary
Aribio*



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*Solim
Agbada*



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*Zaniyah
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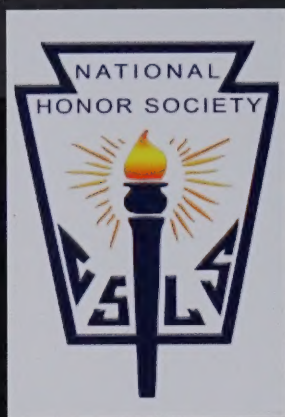
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*Lizbeth
Cabral*



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*Maria
Campoverde-Veleccla*



10
*Jeff
Prempeh*



National Honor Society



Kimaya Jones
President



Di'Manay Randolph
Vice President

National Honor Society (NHS) membership has been the true mark of student achievement for over 100 years, but it goes far beyond a report card. By empowering, championing, and recognizing well-rounded students, NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

NHS chapters operate in all 50 states and many schools around the world, engaging and serving more than one million students.

Reflecting school leaders' profound commitment to student leadership development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) founded NHS in 1921 based on the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In addition to NHS, NASSP founded and manages National Junior Honor Society (est. in 1928), National Student Council (est. in 1931), and National Elementary Honor Society (est. in 2008).



Mia Jones
Treasurer



Rayvin Stubbs
Timekeeper



Solim Agbada



Geraldine Alvarado



Mary Aribio



Raevin Armstrong



Sajada Austin



Zaniyah Austin



Kayla Brown



Maria Campoverde



Rebecca Cardoso



Kiana Ellis



Shenacy Gaspar



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Briana Monroe



Jeff Prempeh



Lizbeth Santana



Tawanah Smith



Samiyah Spencer



Malakai Yepes

Kimaya Jones
NHS President, Class of 2025



"Looking back on my experience in the National Honor Society, I feel thankful for things learned, for friendships established, and for the legacy that we've collectively helped build. This year, I've learned that leadership isn't about standing in front of others—it's about lifting up others, listening with empathy, and serving humbly behind the scenes to help things run smoothly. Even as my time at NHS draws to a close, the values that it instilled in me, scholarship, service, leadership, and character, will stay with me for the rest of my life. I hope that in some way or another, my work has inspired you to lead with integrity and serve with passion."



The National Honor Society represents the highest standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character—and this year's members upheld those values with excellence. Members have made it clear that under the thoughtful guidance of their dedicated advisor, Mr. Bowles, the chapter has thrived in both academic achievement and community impact. They have exclaimed that he has done a remarkable job mentoring and inspiring each student. Mr. Bowles encourages the students to lead with heart and integrity, reminding us to let our excellence speak through our actions, because our service shines through our choices, and our legacy echoes long after we've moved on.

Do you remember the time...

can you
guess who
is who?

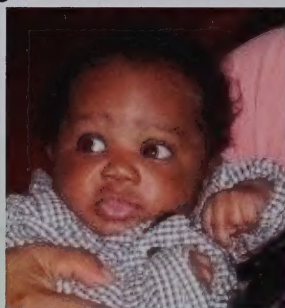


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do you know
who i am?



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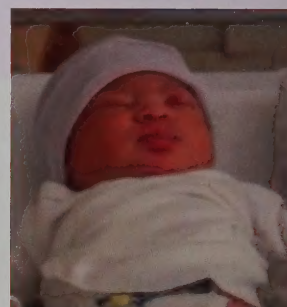
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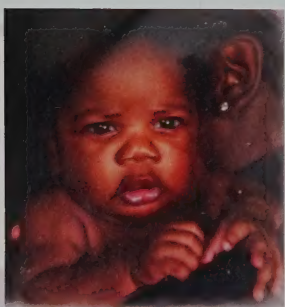
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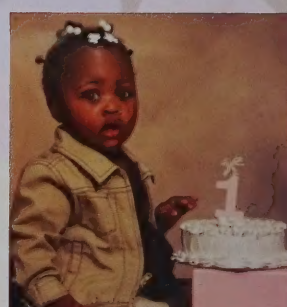
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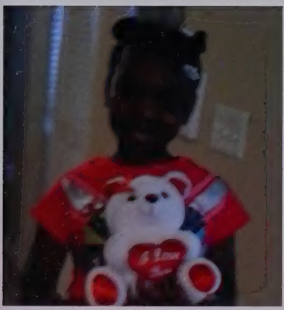
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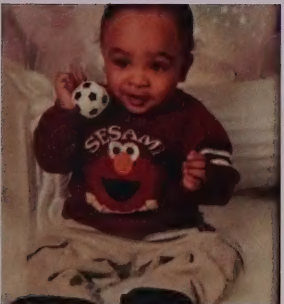
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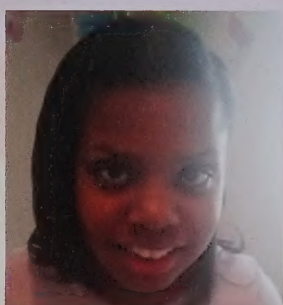
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32. Jaylen Little
33. Rayvin Stubbs
34. Di'Manay Randolph
35. Sekoi Smith
36. El-Dannia Hylton
37. Samiyah Spencer
38. Aaliyah Littles
39. Yasir Green
40. Sarah Alphonse
41. Jaidy Cerdá
42. Ciasia McDougald
43. Amira Corbett
16. Len'asia Kelly
17. Nyasia Simpson
18. Jason Melgar-Rodriguez
19. Briana Monroe
20. Amya Berry
21. Cadera Harrell
22. Zaniyah Austin
23. Faizan Rathore
24. Angel Mc-Neil Fulmore
25. Ahmad Abiola
26. Tytianna Evans
27. Jeff Premepeh
28. Najae Baxter
29. Tawana Smith
30. Mia Jones

9. Jaedon Dickerson
2. Dre'shawn Starks-Jones
3. Djeneba Sacko
4. Q'ymirah Muhammad
5. Marlee Edward
6. Samiyah Bridges
7. Leonellys Rodriguez
8. Amir Smith
9. Sajada Austin
10. Kimaya Jones
11. Jay'dah Carwell
12. Ja'Shynne Hayes
13. Nahiyah Williams
14. Ki-Lin Thomas
15. Rebecca Cardoso

PLAYLIST

Superlatives

These senior superstars are on the tracks we couldn't stop replaying—bold, unforgettable and always on beat. Check out which seniors topped the charts in our Class of 2025 Superlatives.



**Soundtrack
to Your
Day**

**Amira
Corbett**



Best Vocals

**Jayanna
Hayes**



**Smile that
Makes the
Beat Drop**

**Sajada
Austin**



Most
Likely to
Start a
Solo Tour

Kiana Ellis



Most
Likely to
Have
Perfect
Notes

Geraldine
Alvarado



Most Likely
to Have 100
Careers in the
Music
Industry

Ciasia
McDougald



Grammy-
Worthy
Hairdo



Cadera
Harrell
and
Samiyah
Bridges



Amplify



**Best
Dressed for
a Concert**

**Jay'dah
Carswell**



**Top of
the
Charts**

**Marlon
Hemley**



**Best Musical
Duet**

**Rihanna Bell
and
Michaela
White**



**Most
Likely to
Rock the
Spirit**

**Leonellys
Rodriguez**

Superlatives

2025



TOP OF THE CHARTS



**Most
Likely to
Be the
Headliner**

**Paradise
Fisher**



**The
Jokester
Jukebox**

**Messiah
Wooden**



**Most Likely
to Start a
New Genre**

**Sa'Rai
Gordon**



**Best
Playlist
Vibes**

**Al-Tariq
Hamilton**

TEACHER TUNES



MRS. BOWLES - JONES

God's Plan - Drake

"The song that comes to mind when I think of the Class of 2025 is God's Plan by Drake because everything that happens is in God's timing and plan."

MR. DIAZ

"I picked this song because it has a message of overcoming struggle. It is also motivational. The lyrics challenge you to reach your potential and move confidently into your future."



The Show Goes On - Lupe Fiasco



MRS. KELLY

I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor



"This song represents female empowerment, personal confidence and determination, which all together are pieces that represent the graduating class of 2025."



MS. RAHEEM

End of the Road - Boyz II Men

MS. WALKER

Guidance Team

"We chose this song because it marks the end of one journey and the beginning of a new one. You've worked so hard, and now it's your time to step into all that's waiting for you!"



"They counted us out, they didn't believe we would make it, but I know God Did."

MS. VERNON

God Did - DJ Khaled



FOR '25



MS. JOHNSON

Noise -
Kenny Chesney



"The song reflects how many distractions you've had to overcome to pursue your dreams. Despite all the white noise in your everyday lives, you continue to rise and make your voices heard."

MS. GUTERREZ

Moment 4 Life -
Nicki Minaj

MS. CALDER



Ms. Calder - "This is the perfect song because now is the moment leading into your forever chapter!"

Ms. Guterrez - "I wish that I could have this moment for life, for life."

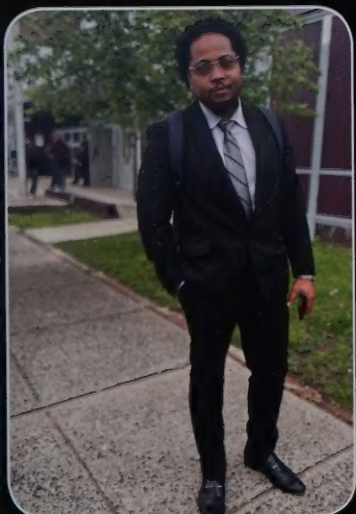


MR. JANNAH

Apostle's Warning
- Mobb Deep

MR. BILLUPS

Respiration -
Black Star



"Prodigy, in the song, exposes his views of manhood and the strength required to perform as a man. This concept is important for the young man preparing to go out into the world."



"The lyrics are complete and the imagery is very vivid. The Class of 2025 fits this description perfectly as their futures are vivid and bright."



Legacy Tracks: The Longest Run



ZANIYAH AUSTIN

RIHANNA BELL

TYJANAE FLEMING

AL-TARIQ HAMILTON

MIA JONES

SHAREE MCCUTCHEN

YASSAN PARISH

DI'MANAY RANDOLPH

NAAZHIR SWANGIN

AL-JAMAR WALKER FAREED

NAHIYYAH WILLIAMS

TOTAL MINUTES PLAYED: 3,155,760

SIX YEARS

These scholars did not just arrive for high school, they have been building their rhythm since day one. From seventh to twelfth grade, they've grown, led, and lived out the values of the Phoenix. Their legacy is more than long--it's deeply rooted, richly layered, and powerfully amplified.

A SONG YOU LISTEN TO WHEN...



YOU HEAR THE LAST BELL OF THE DAY...



LUXURY - AZEALIA BANKS

BAD ROMANCE - LADY GAGA

ITS TIME FOR LUNCH - BUBBLE GUPPIES

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. MY GPA - MOM JEANS

YOU REALIZE IT'S FRIDAY
AND THE WEEKEND HITS
LIKE A BEAT DROP...

BASHMENT HOUSE - FATHER PHILIS

TGIF - GLORILLA

CONGRATULATIONS - J COLE

TGIF - GLORILLA

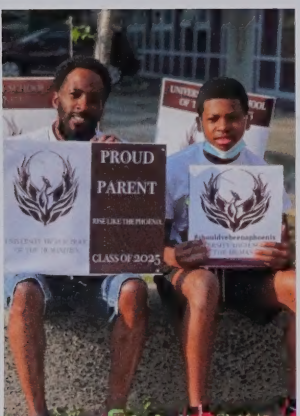
LET DOWN - RADIOHEAD

I ♥ MUSIC



MEMORIES
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THROWBACKS



“ Here is where it all began... Do you remember the face behind the mask? ”

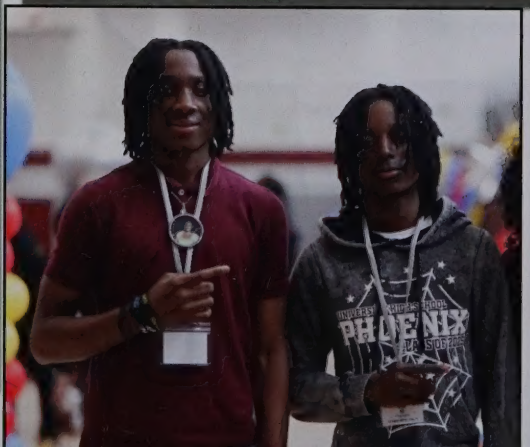
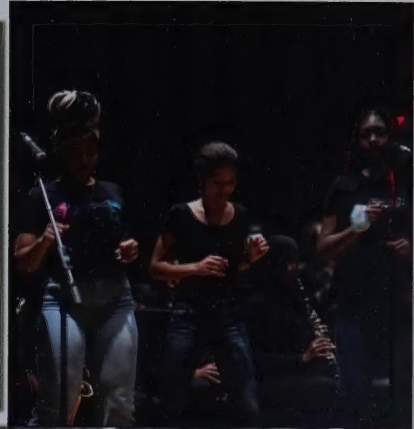
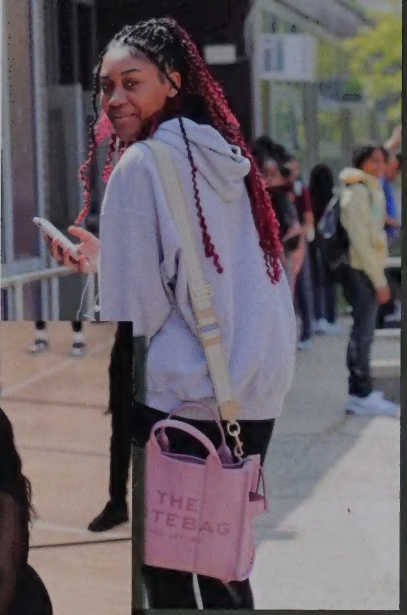


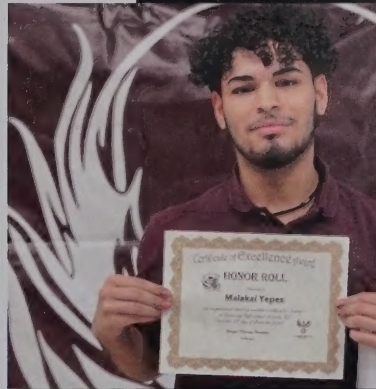
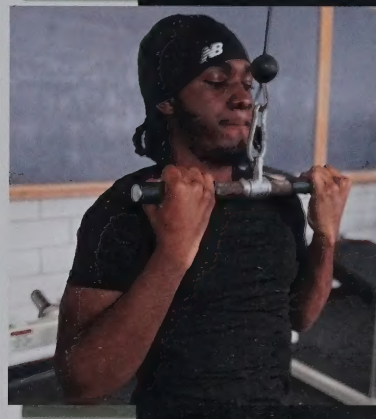
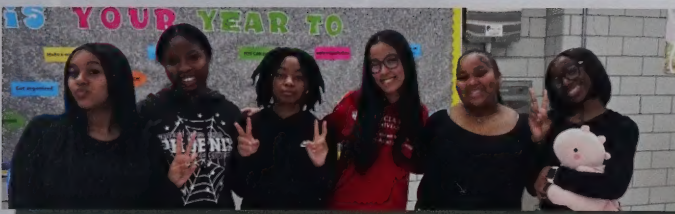


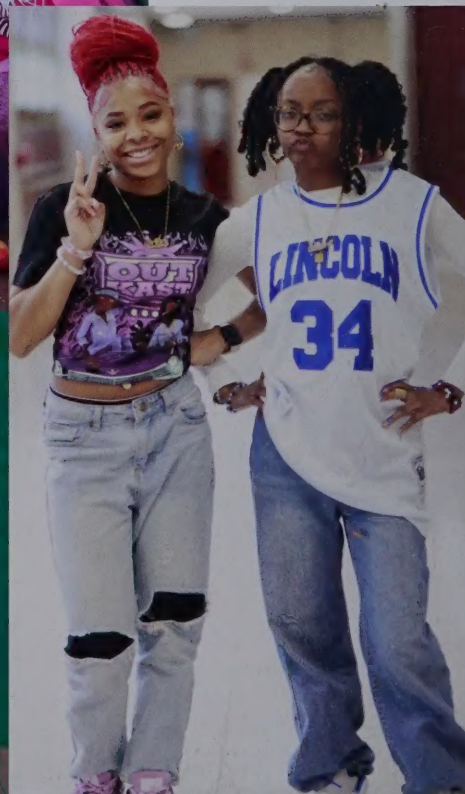
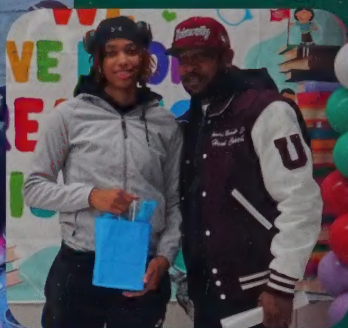
"...AND THE BEAT GOES ON AND ON..."



MEMORIES







STUDENT LIFE



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Now Playing: The Senior Class



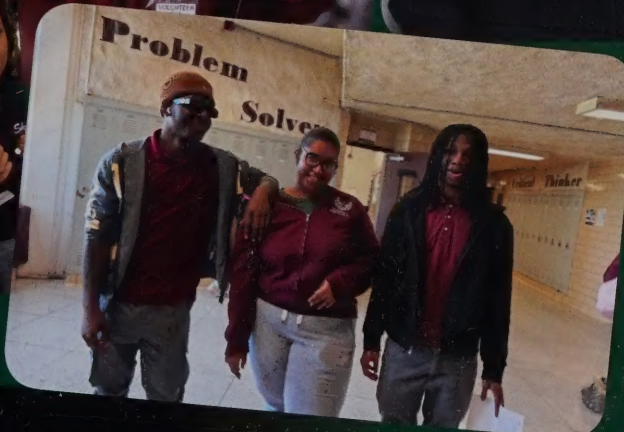
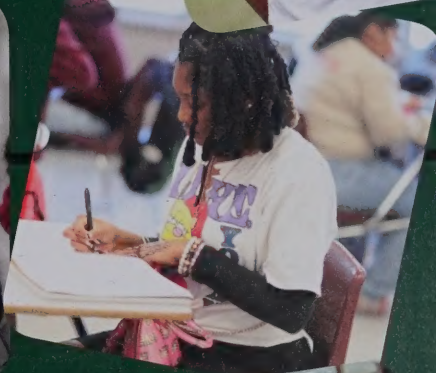
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"Let your life be a playlist that no one else can shuffle."





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N.J.I.T. Forensic Science



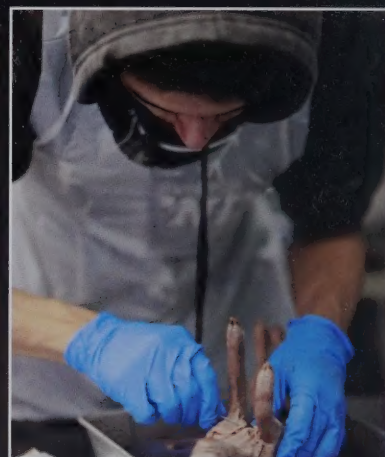
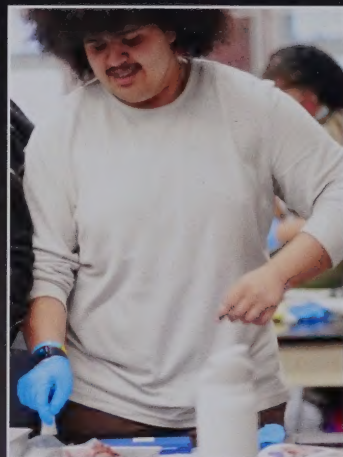
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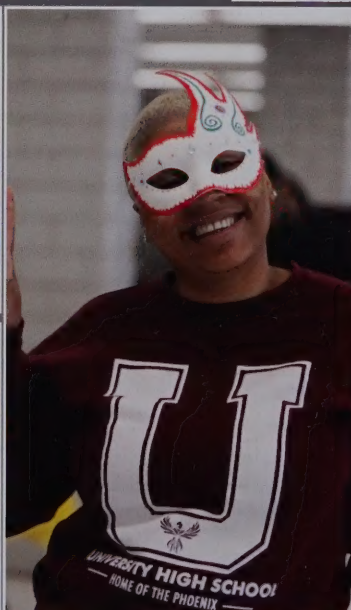
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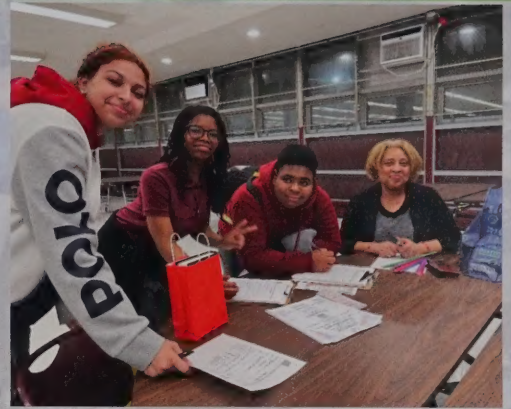
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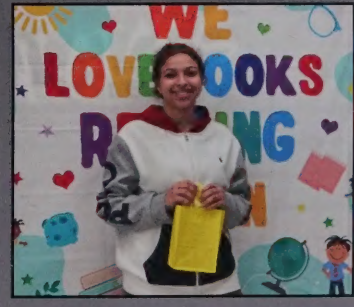
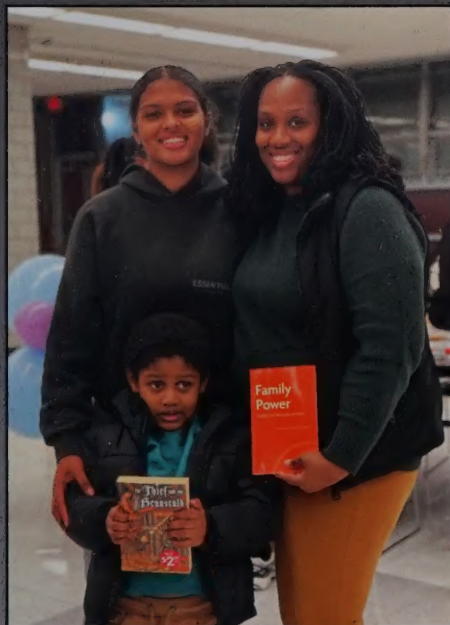
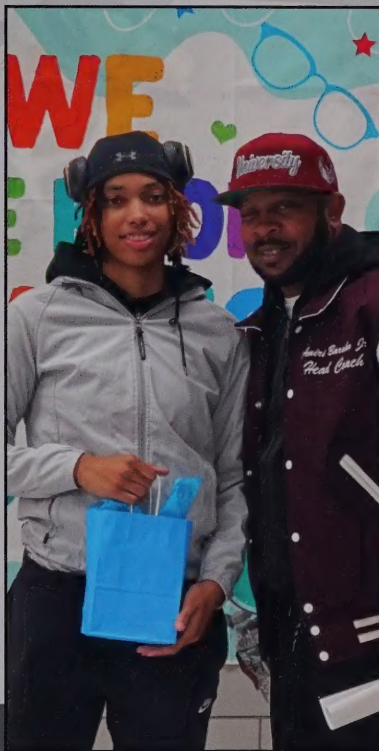
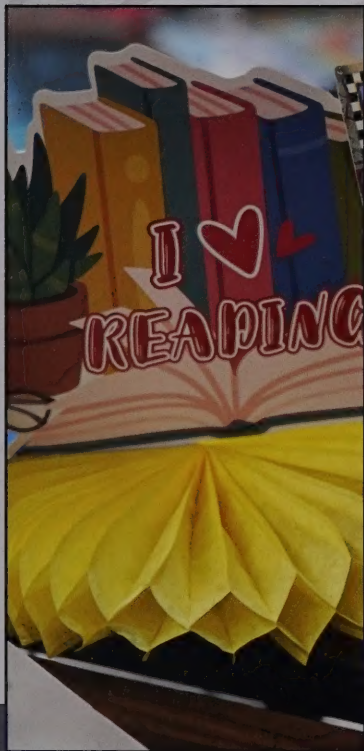
Literacy Night



University High School's Family Literacy Night, hosted by the ELA



Department, was a celebration of stories, learning, and community. Families enjoyed giveaways, signed up for library cards, and shared in the joy of reading together. The event amplified the power of literacy, bringing students and families together in a night filled with fun and connection.

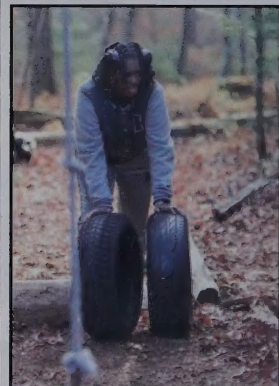
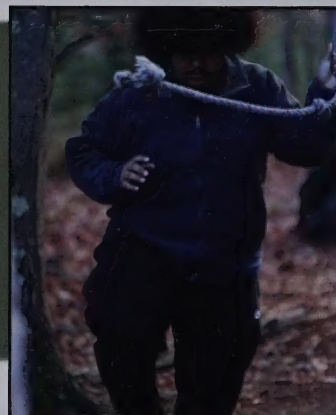
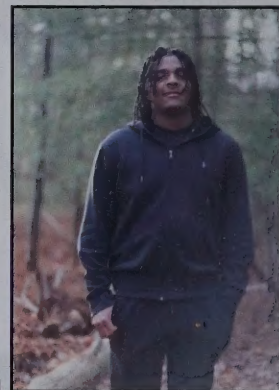


Teen PEP



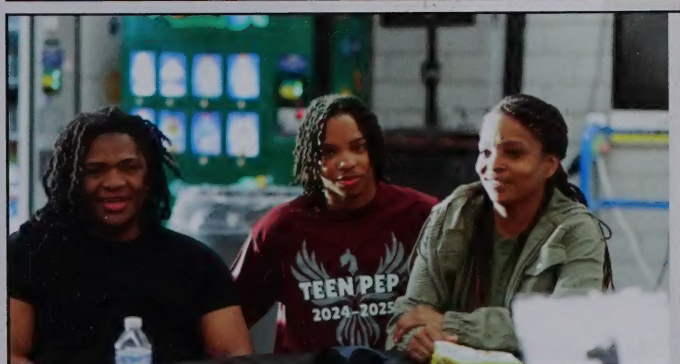
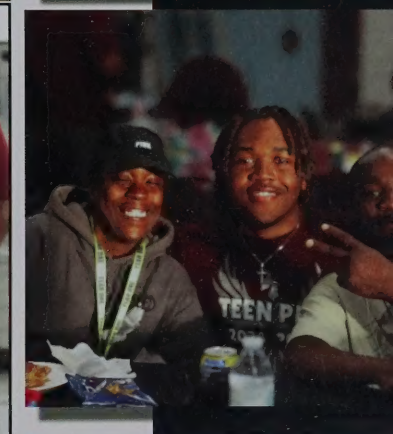
Teen PEP at University High School has been a powerful force in amplifying student leadership, trust, and open communication. Through the transformative overnight retreat, peer educators

built bonds rooted in empathy and teamwork—laying the foundation for a year of impactful outreach. Family Night brought these lessons home, as students and caregivers engaged in honest conversations about trust, relationships, and decision-making. Together, these moments created a chorus of courage, where students didn't just learn—they led, lifting their voices to inspire healthier, more connected communities.





Family Night



Speech and Debate

2025

University High School's Speech & Debate team has experienced a meteoric rise, evolving from a duo of dedicated students into a powerhouse of 17 members competing on national stages. Under the passionate leadership of Coach Saul Grullon—recently honored as the National Speech and Debate Association's District Coach of the Year—the team has exemplified the school's commitment to excellence and the *Amplify* theme, turning voices into instruments of change and recognition.

Senior Michaela White has led the charge, securing a state championship in Program of Oral Interpretation—the first in the district's history—and earning the prestigious Governor's Award from the State of New Jersey. Her performances, such as "Reverse: A Lynching" by Ansel Elkins, resonate deeply, reflecting her dedication to impactful storytelling. Fellow senior Malakai Yepes has also made significant strides, placing fifth nationally in Prose Interpretation at the NSDA Nationals and contributing to a second-place finish in Duo Interpretation at the state level alongside Michaela.



The team's strength is further bolstered by talents like Mary Aribo and Solim Agbada, whose compelling Duo Interpretation performances have captivated audiences and judges alike. Emerging voices such as Dante Elliott and Josmanuel De Leon-Bernard have showcased their potential, with Dante serving as vice-president of both the Student Council and the Speech & Debate Team, and Josmanuel expressing gratitude for the opportunity to compete nationally. Their dedication and growth epitomize the spirit of *Amplify*, as they prepare to represent University High School at upcoming national tournaments.

Dominating the Stage



Coach Grullon's transformative impact is evident not only in the team's accolades but also in the confidence and purpose instilled in each member. His mentorship has cultivated a culture where students are encouraged to find and project their voices, embodying the essence of Amplify. As the team looks ahead to national competitions, their journey stands as a testament to the power of guidance, perseverance, and the unwavering belief in the potential of young voices.



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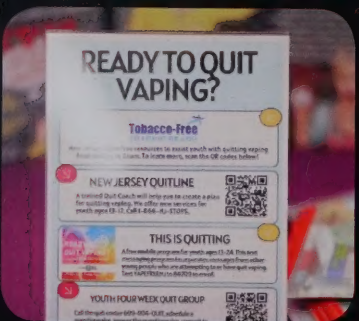


A dynamic club where passionate future healthcare leaders harmonize their commitment to service through volunteer work—amplifying their voices and personal growth like a rising chorus in the symphony of medicine.

Senior Class Members

Di'Manay R.,
President
Za'Myah H., Vice
President
Zaniyah A.,
Treasurer
Solim A.
Sarah A.
Geraldine A.
Mary A.
Amya B.

Kayla B.
Nyla C.
Maria C.
Marlez E.
Ava G.
El-Dannia H.
Destiny J.
Len'asia K.
Jayden L.
Angel M.
Donea N.
Tawannah S.
Samiyah S.



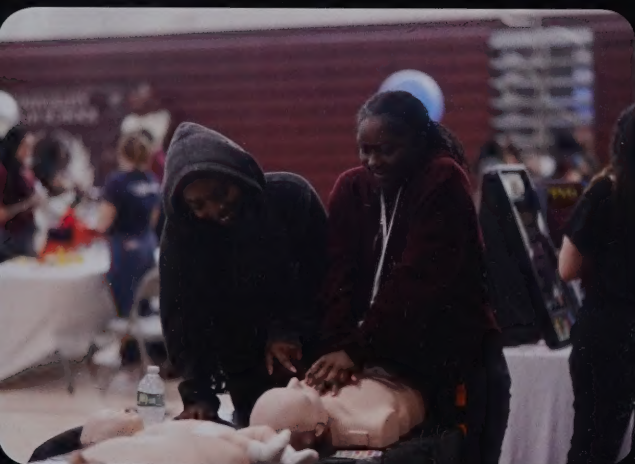
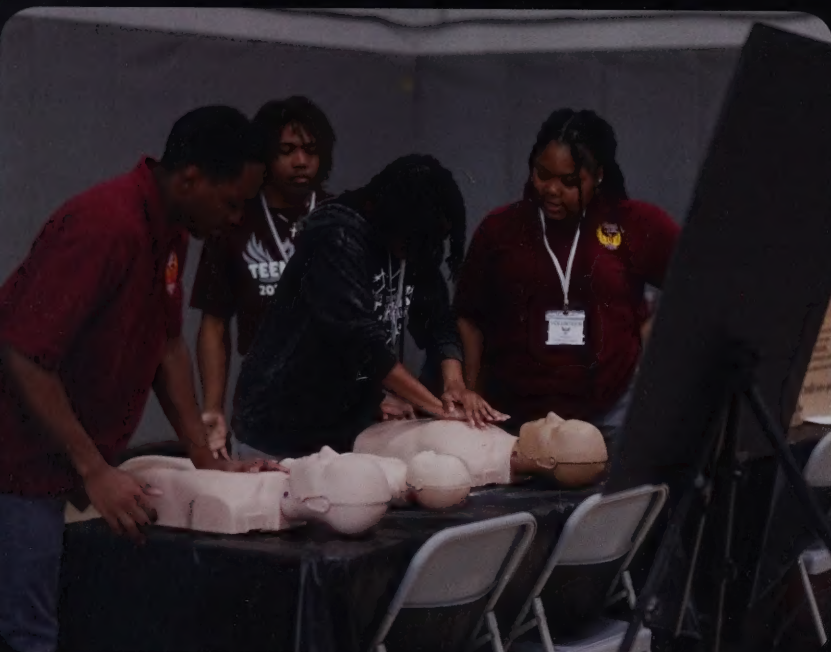
VAPING WORKSHOP

Students tuned in to the real effects of vaping, gaining clarity and knowledge to make healthier choices. The workshop encouraged open dialogue, helping students take control of their health and future.

Students Learning About Medicine

Health Fair

The health fair amplified awareness with interactive stations that promoted wellness, prevention, and empowered living. From mental health to nutrition, students explored how small steps can lead to lasting impact.





Amplify



Melody Makers



Coach: Xarial Chandler, Tyjanae Fleming, Shenacy Gaspar,
Yasmin Caldwell, Mariame Kourouma, Al'Nisa Onion,
Raevin Armstrong, Arianna Hatcher, Brianna Monroe,
Bryonna Hawkins, Ian Akuro, Za'Yiannah Witherspoon
and Omari Ballard

Band Dancing



Tyjanae Fleming



Shenacy Gaspar

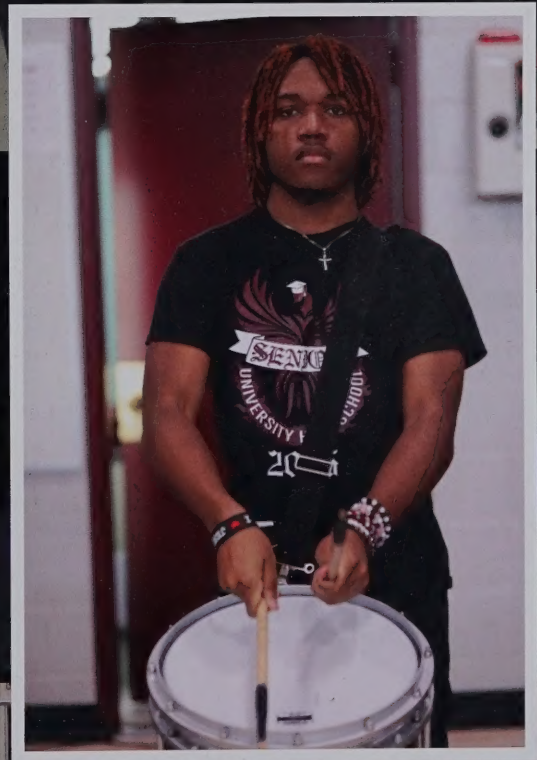


Briana Monroe



Raevin Armstrong

THE BAND



PLAYLIST

School Spirit

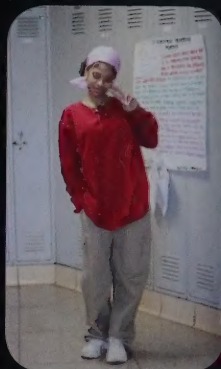
This was our school spirit this year: bold, energetic and impossible to ignore.



Anything But a Bookbag



Back to the 90's

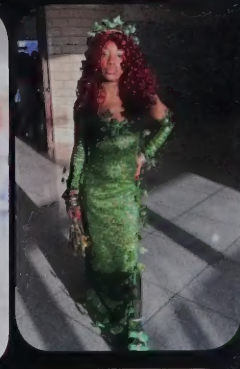
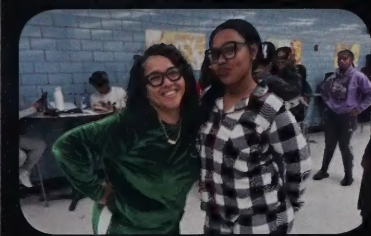
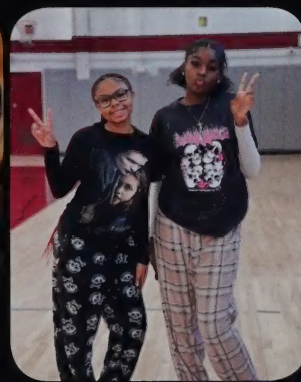
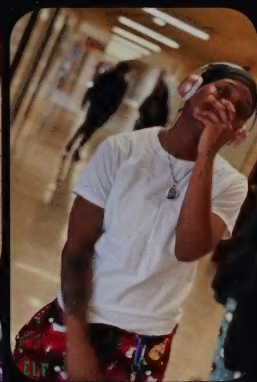


I love the 80's

Senior Citizens



Pajama Day



Halloween

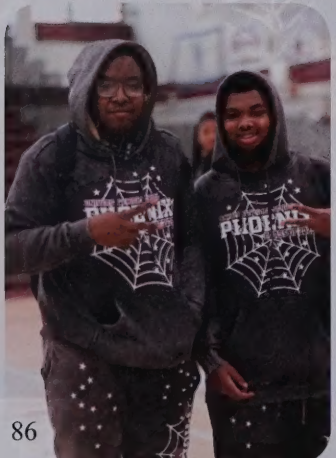


PLAYLIST

Pep Rally '25

Every great playlist needs those high-energy bangers. Our pep rallies were exactly that: the ultimate hype tracks of the school year.

WHERE ARE
THE
SENIORS???







Amplify



DECISION DAY 2025



School



Decision Day marks more than a milestone—it's the moment students amplify their futures and step boldly into the next chapter.



COMMITMENT

*Together,
we
celebrate
the
rhythm of
hard
work,
dreams
realized,
and
voices
ready to
rise.*



FUTURE MOMENTUM

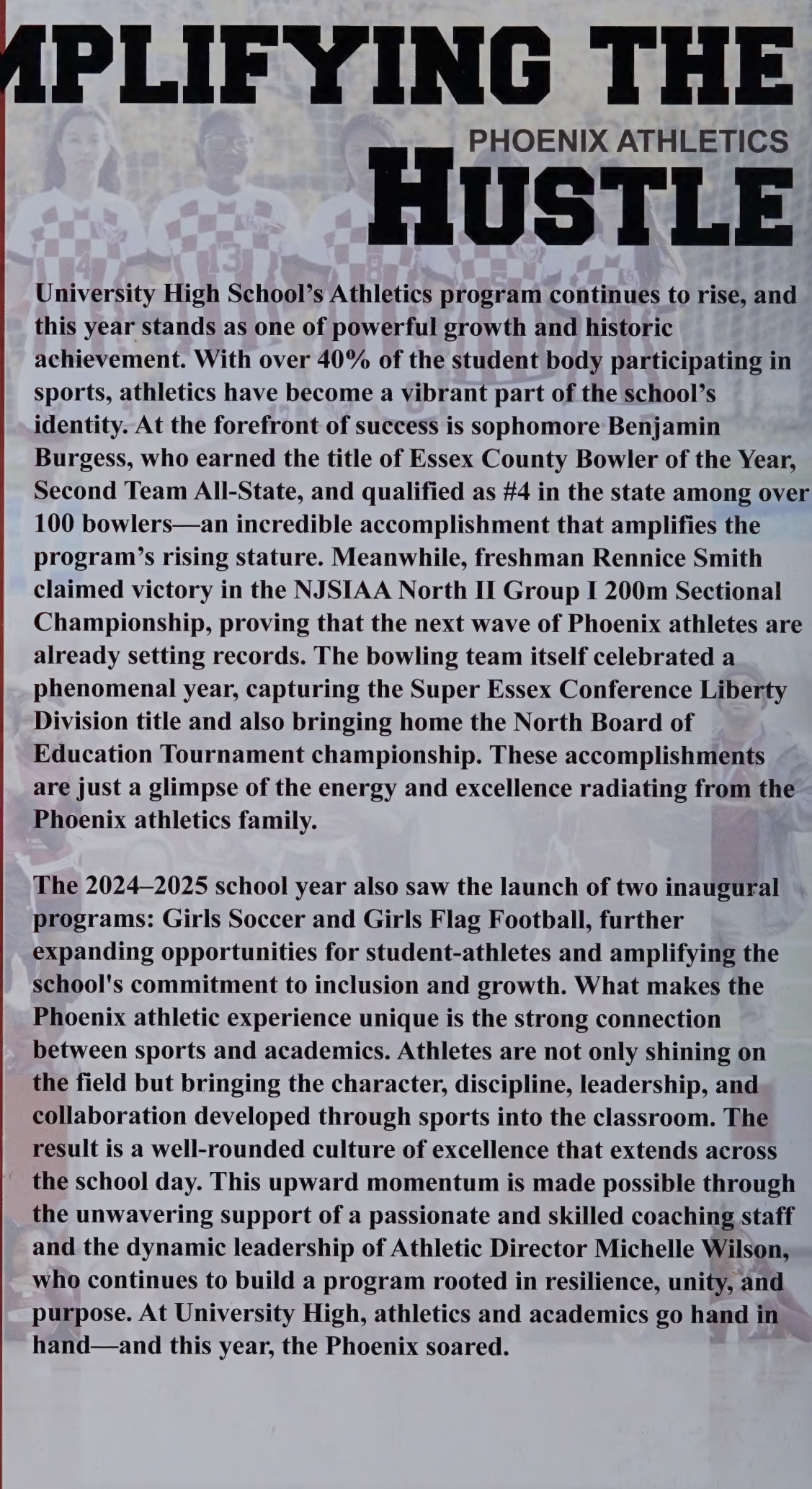


*Each acceptance,
each commitment, is a
powerful note in the
anthem of their
journey.*

AMPLIFYING THE

HUSTLE

PHOENIX ATHLETICS



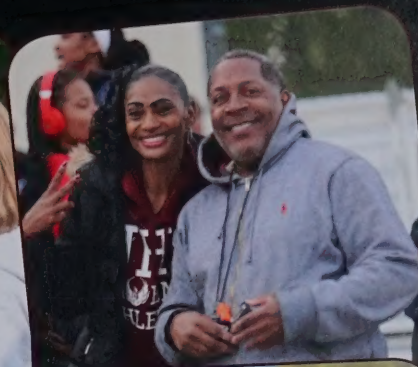
“Over 40% of the student body is amplifying their impact through sports—on the field, in the classroom, and beyond.”

“From setting sectional records to launching inaugural teams, Phoenix Athletics is proving that every student has a chance to rise.”

“Athletics at University High isn’t just about wins—it’s about building character, creating leaders, and soaring together.”

University High School’s Athletics program continues to rise, and this year stands as one of powerful growth and historic achievement. With over 40% of the student body participating in sports, athletics have become a vibrant part of the school’s identity. At the forefront of success is sophomore Benjamin Burgess, who earned the title of Essex County Bowler of the Year, Second Team All-State, and qualified as #4 in the state among over 100 bowlers—an incredible accomplishment that amplifies the program’s rising stature. Meanwhile, freshman Rennice Smith claimed victory in the NJSIAA North II Group I 200m Sectional Championship, proving that the next wave of Phoenix athletes are already setting records. The bowling team itself celebrated a phenomenal year, capturing the Super Essex Conference Liberty Division title and also bringing home the North Board of Education Tournament championship. These accomplishments are just a glimpse of the energy and excellence radiating from the Phoenix athletics family.

The 2024–2025 school year also saw the launch of two inaugural programs: Girls Soccer and Girls Flag Football, further expanding opportunities for student-athletes and amplifying the school’s commitment to inclusion and growth. What makes the Phoenix athletic experience unique is the strong connection between sports and academics. Athletes are not only shining on the field but bringing the character, discipline, leadership, and collaboration developed through sports into the classroom. The result is a well-rounded culture of excellence that extends across the school day. This upward momentum is made possible through the unwavering support of a passionate and skilled coaching staff and the dynamic leadership of Athletic Director Michelle Wilson, who continues to build a program rooted in resilience, unity, and purpose. At University High, athletics and academics go hand in hand—and this year, the Phoenix soared.



University High School Athletics Staff

Elijah Allen - Boys Basketball, Boys Volleyball

Kyreeses Allen - Baseball

Amiri Baraka Jr. - Girls Basketball

Kelvin Brown - Boys Basketball

Xarial Chandler - Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball

Bernard Chase - Girls Basketball

Mary Dean - Bowling, Softball

Eric Dennis - Girls Flag Football

Fabio Diaz - Baseball

Mohammed Hassan - Boys Soccer

Garrett Hunt - Girls Basketball

D'Quan McKnight - Baseball

Nicole Johnson - Athletic Trainer

Nicole Keitt - Girls Basketball

Danielle Kelly - Soccer

James Leyva - Boys Soccer, Baseball

Al-Hakim McLaurin - Boys Basketball

Janna Miller - Girls Basketball

Lawren Monroe - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field

Julius Montford - Girls Flag Football

Susan Palmucci - Girls Tennis

Harvey Phillips - Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field

Abbielle Screven - Girls Volleyball

Yolanda Spicer - School Nurse

Egypt Vernon - Cheerleading

Ramel Watson - Boys Basketball

Jovon Whitaker - Girls Basketball

Rajon Whitaker - Girls Basketball

Michelle Wilson - Girls Volleyball, Athletic Director





WEEK 16

2024



New York Jets Announce Ki-Lin Thomas as December Mental Health Player of the Month

University High School student Ki-Lin Thomas has been named the New York Jets Mental Health Player of the Month for December 2024. Each month during the NFL season, New York Jets defensive lineman Solomon Thomas will recognize student-athletes as Mental Health Player of the Month. This award recognizes student-athletes who have shown an understanding of mental health and how they may better support their own mental health or that of their peers. Solomon Thomas will congratulate each student on his social media and provide them with tickets to attend a Jets game on Sunday, December 22 where he will meet with them on the field.

Ki-Lin Thomas, a senior girls' basketball player, has been an integral force behind her high school team's historic success, playing a pivotal role in securing state championship titles every year since her freshman season. Her journey, however, extends far beyond the court. A dedicated scholar-athlete, Ki-Lin has faced profound personal challenges, including the devastating loss of her sibling. Through moments of overwhelming grief, self-doubt, and emotional turbulence, she has demonstrated remarkable resilience, maintained her grade point average and delivered exceptional performances on the court. Her ability to rise above adversity exemplifies her unwavering commitment to achieving excellence.

Though naturally quiet and reserved, Ki-Lin's strength lies in her willingness to share her experiences when she knows they can help someone else. In the wake of her family's loss, she has worked to support her parents while managing her own emotions, navigating difficult times with courage and empathy. Despite enduring injuries and the rigorous mental and physical demands of rehabilitation, Ki-Lin has remained a steadfast leader, using her struggles to inspire her teammates. She offers thoughtful encouragement, reminding others that success is not defined by the absence of hardship but by the courage to face it head-on. As she closes this chapter of her high school career, Ki-Lin leaves a legacy of determination, compassion, and the enduring power of quiet leadership in the face of adversity. Ki-Lin believes that mental health means recognizing the importance of balancing personal challenges with emotional well-being, leaning on inner strength, and embracing support to grow through adversity while inspiring others to do the same.



Phoenix Pride: Scholar Athletes



Allan Houston's F.I.S.L.L. -
Scholar Athlete Pay It Forward Program
Summer 2024



Phoenix Firsts: Turning Up the Game
Lady Phoenix Soccer
Fall 2024



Phoenix Firsts: Turning Up the Game
Lady Phoenix Flag Football
Spring 2025



Next Up: Season Highlights



NJSIAA NORTH II GROUP I
SECTIONAL 200M CHAMPION
Rennice Smith



Men of Essex Award Recipient,
Essex County Bowler of the Year
Benjamin Burgess



Male and Female Essex County
Scholar Athlete of the Year
Jeff Prempeh & Mary Aribo



NJSIAA
Scholar Athlete of the Year
Tyjanae Fleming



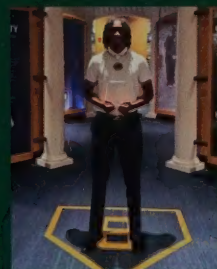
Newark Board of Education
Holiday Tournament Champions
2024-2025 Girls Basketball Team



Newark Board of Education
Tournament Champions
2024 - 2025 Bowling Team



NJSIAA National Girls and Women in
Sports Day Award Recipient
Amira Corbett



Marlon Hemley embodies the true spirit of a teammate—dedicated, uplifting, and unwavering in support of those around him. Much like the legendary Yogi Berra, he brings a steady presence that inspires all who play alongside him. Since joining the baseball team just two years ago, he has shown remarkable growth and commitment, becoming a motivator and leader both on and off the field. He attends every practice, encourages teammates to focus on daily improvement, and offers guidance—especially to underclassmen and new players.

Marlon is often the first to offer a reassuring word or motivate a teammate to stay focused on the positive aspects of their game. Even in moments of personal challenge, he is the first to self-correct, accept responsibility, and respond with humility and resilience. When mistakes happen in competition, he never shows frustration toward others; instead, he remains composed and supportive. He is often the first to offer a reassuring word or motivate a teammate to stay focused on the positive aspects of their game.

Beyond athletics, Marlon's character shines throughout the school community. Known and respected by peers, staff, and community members alike, he consistently carries himself with integrity, positivity, and purpose. His ability to lead by example, identify areas of growth, and serve as an extension of the voice of his coach and school leaders alike, which makes him invaluable to his team and peers. In recognition of his embodiment of school values, he was honored as Mr. Phoenix during his junior year—a testament to his perseverance, leadership, and excellence. For all these reasons, he is more than deserving of the Super Essex Conference Yogi Berra Best Teammate Award.



TENNIS



Top: Mia Mack, Sarah Alphonse, Rehanna Coppedge,
Mary Aribo and El-Dannia Hylton
Bottom: Stacey Gomez and Iyonna Gaddie



"I've played tennis for 3 years. Every moment was enjoyable as I was able to achieve with the energy and love from both my team and my coach. Playing tennis at University made me love the sport and, hopefully, will inspire me to continue in college."

-El-Dannia Hylton



"Playing tennis was one of the most challenging and addictive experiences I've had. Being with friends and advancing at my own pace made it even more worthwhile. I'm glad I played my junior and senior year."

-Mia Mack

CLASS OF 2025

Sarah Alphonse
Mary Aribo
Rehanna Coppedge
El-Dannia Hylton
Mia Mack



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Top: Raevin Armstrong, Najae Baxter, Shenacy Gaspar, Briana Monroe and Tyjanae Fleming
 Middle: Sakiyyah Robinson, Deja Moody, Yasmin Caldwell, Bay'le Schofield, Tiane Fleming, Imani Mainer, Mariame Kourouma, Al-Nisa Onion, Zany'e Alexander, Fatoumata Kamara and Amani Ramos
 Bottom: Destiny Teron, Arianna Hatcher, Ian Akuro, Grace Davis, Kyana Montague, Thiara Colon, Saniyyah Hatcher, Dejah Whatley, Chasidy Ramdeen, Amani Johnson and Tori Reaves



seniors



Shenacy Gaspar



Briana Monroe



Raevin Armstrong



Tyjanae Fleming



Najae Baxter

Girls Soccer

First Touch, Lasting Legacy



Leonellys
Rodriguez



Ciasia
McDougald



2025

In a season that kicked off a brand new chapter in University High School history, the first-ever girls soccer team took the field with passion, pride, purpose and in rhythm. With every pass, goal, and hustle play, they embraced the opportunity to launch a legacy—and stayed in tune with growth and teamwork. Their dedication in practice, respect for their coaches, and determination made the entire school community proud. As they prepare to join the Super Essex Conference next year, the bar is set. Seniors Rayvin Stubbs, Leonellys Rodriguez, and Ciasia McDougald will forever be remembered as the original goal-setters—the first to lace up, lead strong, and *amplify* the Phoenix name in the beautiful game.



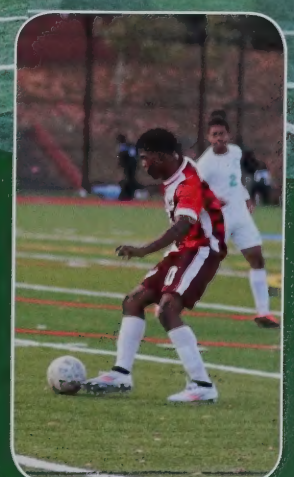
Tessiah in motion to score the first-ever goal in school history—amplifying legacy.



Top: Alyssa Smith, Leonellys Rodriguez, Mamawah Musa, Ciasia McDougald, and Tessiah Foster
Bottom: Kaniya Gaddie, Coach Coral Kennedy, Coach Danielle Kelly and Antonella Cajamarca
Beyond the Frame, Still Part of the Legacy
Kiana Ellis, Manager, Rayvin Stubbs, Ivonne Umana and Nadelyn Yunganuala-Cabrera

Boys Soccer

Finding Rhythm
One Goal at a Time



Backling KariKari

Faizan Rathore

Anthony Freire-Vargas

Brayan Espinoza-Rivera

Ahmiad Abiola



Jeff Prempoh

Elijah Serrano

Jason Melgar-Rodriguez

Erik Bautista-San Juan





Amplify



Now Playing: Winter Sports

Bowling

BENJAMIN BURGESS
Essex County Bowler of the Year
NJSIAA 2nd Team All-State



2024-2025 NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAMPIONS

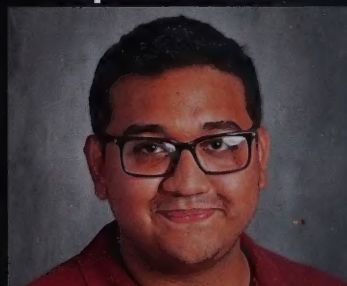
Top: Mia Mack, El-Dannia Hylton, Coach Mary Dean, Jason Melgar-Rodriguez, Anthony Freire-Vargas, Benjamin Burgess, Bryan Espinoza-Rivera, Kishaaran Rasalingam, and Nemeni Martinez

"I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU. YOU ALL PLAYED A ROLE IN WINNING THE CONFERENCE AND THE NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION TOURNAMENT. TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT YOU ARE LEAVING UNIVERSITY AS CHAMPIONS!!"

-Coach Mary Dean



Brayan Espinoza-Rivera



Anthony Freire-Vargas



Class of 2025

Jason Melgar-Rodriguez



Kishaaran Rasalingam



Mia Mack and El-Dannia Hylton



Cheerleading

Let's Go
Phoenix!!



Top: Aidaliz Ramos, Deborah Ogunlana, Mahkaiah Ali, Kamaria Rivers, Lishontae Giles, and Amira Pruitt
Middle: Zaila Singleton, Tori Reaves, Nevaeh Stevens, Rebecca Cardoso, La'Ziah Campos, Deja Moody, and Mia Jones
Bottom: Indiyah Pugh, Deziah Hall, Imani Mainer, Tiane Fleming, Isis Baraka, Za'Kyrh Jackson and Djeneba Sacko



Mia Jones



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Rebecca Cardoso



Djeneba Sacko



Amplify



UHS ATHLETICS

Over the past four years, University High School's girls basketball seniors—Paradise Fisher, Ki-Lin Thomas, and their remarkable



teammates—have not only made history, they've amplified it. From 2021 to 2025, they earned 3

state sectional titles, 3 state championships, 4 city holiday tournament victories, and 3 appearances in the county finals—proof of their relentless drive and unity. Their time on the court echoes far beyond the scoreboard, embodying leadership, excellence, and the power of teamwork. They leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire—and *amplify*—the spirit of the Phoenix for years to come.



Top: Ke'Asia Johnson, Jay'dah Carswell, Briana Holt, Amira Corbett, Aaliyah Littles, and Naheemat Lawal
Bottom: Jayanna Hayes, Carryn GrandPierre, Tessiah Foster, Paradise Fisher, Taylor LaRue and Ki-Lin Thomas



Girls Basketball



More Highlights This Team

Paradise Fisher

Ki-Lin Thomas

Amira Corbett

Jayanna Hayes

Jay'dah Carswell

Aaliyah Littles



Boys Basketball



Top: Coach Elijah Allen, Coach Ramel Watson, Bilal Williams, Jevon Tillman, Ja'Shayne Hayes, Darren Warren, Abass Bello, Jalen Cromer, Coach Al-Hakim McLaurin and Coach Kelvin Brown

Bottom: Jaelyn Kirkland, Igousa Iyamu, Davon Barrown, Amir Smith, Quame' Dobbs, Trent Artis and Zy'Shawn Tuck



With quiet strength and relentless heart, senior Amir Smith led the University High School boys basketball team through a season defined by growth and grit. After

returning from injury, he came back with tenacity and resilience throughout both his junior and senior years, *amplifying every game with his powerful presence.* Alongside a young team, he helped ignite the spirit of Phoenix basketball, modeling what it means to lead by example. His actions spoke louder than words, and his leadership left a lasting mark on a team committed to rising stronger with every game.



AMIR SMITH





Amplify



CROSS COUNTRY TRACK

The University High School Track & Field program hit the ground running this year—amplifying endurance, strength, and discipline across three seasons. In the fall, our cross country athletes set the tone, pushing through long distances and longer days, conditioning both body and mind in preparation for the race ahead. With every mile, they laid the foundation for a season of growth and resilience.



As the tempo shifted indoors, our sprinters, hurdlers, and field athletes turned up the volume. Senior captain Al-Tariq Hamilton set the standard, not only competing fiercely but also guiding younger teammates with wisdom, preparation, and poise. The winter meets saw new faces rise to the rhythm of competition, collecting medals and personal bests, and proving that progress is built in steady strides and strong mentorship.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

2025



Ahmad Abiola



Amira Corbett



Al-Tariq Hamilton



Top: Coach Lawren Monroe, Radwin McKenzie, Ja'Khi Thomas, Rennice Smith, Ashley Robinson, Darren Warren, Ahmad Abiola, Naheemat Lawal, Amira Corbett, Ryan Romain, Al-Tariq Hamilton, Zahir Sanders, Saralee Hanson, Azir Purkett, Johnell Ross, Da'Vion Patrick and Coach Harvey Phillips
Bottom: Destiny Long and O'Mari Ballard

By spring, the outdoor season brought heat, wind, and renewed intensity. Athletes like Rennice Smith made history, becoming the North II Group I 200m champion, while others sharpened their skills with coaches who pushed them to new levels. From the hurdlers' explosive bursts to the throwers' focused technique, the team powered through the elements—rain, shine, and everything in between. Each practice, each meet, each moment on the track added another note to a season-long anthem of commitment and courage. This was more than a team—it was a movement. Together, they didn't just run, jump, or throw. They amplified what it means to rise as one.



Softball

Hitting Hard, Rising Higher



Top: Ade McCoy, Danielle Lewis, Sarah Alphonse, Sasha Taylor, Mamawah Musa, Amya Berry, Mariame Kourouma, Di'Manay Randolph, and Tyjanae Fleming

Bottom: Tori Reaves, Imani Mainer, Antonella Cajamarca and Tiane Fleming

A message from Coach Coral Kennedy

"To be who you are and become what you are capable of is the only goal worth living."- Alvin Ailey



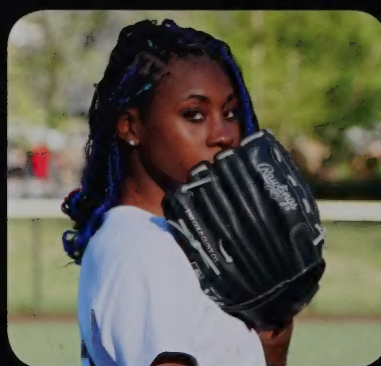
Class of
2025



Sarah Alphonse



Amya Berry



Tyjanae Fleming



Di'Manay Randolph



Baseball

Strong Swings, Stronger Spirit



Top: Coach Kyreese Allen, Bilal Williams, Elijah Ford, Edinson Suarez, Esvi Lopez Aguilar, Brian Holt and Coach Fabio Diaz
Bottom: Coach D'Quan McKnight, Marlon Hemley, Al-Jamir Johnson, Jayden Vasquez, Dre'Shawn Starks-Jones, Al-Tariq Purdie and Backling KariKari



Class of
2025



Backling KariKari, Bilal Williams, Dre'Shawn Starks-Jones, Al-Tariq Purdie, Ja'Shayne Hayes, Marlon Hemley and Al-Jamir Johnson



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Seniors



Jason Melgar-Rodriguez



Elijah Serrano



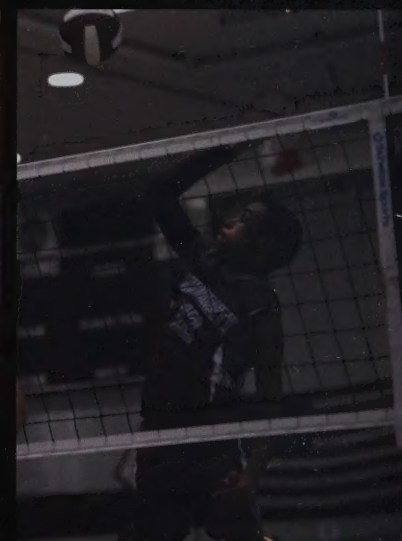
Jeff Prempeh



Anthony Freire-Vargas



106 Bryan Espinoza-Rivera



SPRING '25

In a trailblazing debut season, the Lady Phoenix flag football team made history—becoming the first to represent University High School in one of the fastest-growing sports for women across the nation. Athletes from grades 9 through 12 came together, many with no prior experience, yet full of heart and hunger to compete. Balancing academics and athletics, these student-athletes often stayed late to finish homework before hitting the field, proving that dedication doesn't punch a clock—it plays until the whistle blows. With each snap and touchdown, they didn't just play the game—they amplified it. And, more than a season, this was a statement: the first verse in what will become a powerful anthem for girls' flag football at UHS. For the seniors who suited up and led the charge, this moment is etched in history—an unforgettable reminder that they were the first to light the spark, shift the culture, and blaze the trail for generations of Lady Phoenix to come.



GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

2025 Team Members

Top: Coach Eric, Taraji Horace, Sanai Speight, Bay'le Schofield, Deborah Ogunlana, Al-Nisa Onion, Analeigh Lilly, Kayla Cook, Ian Akuro, Alyssa Smith, Coach Julius Montford, Mamawa Kelleh, Deja Moody, Janiyah Hester, Za'Yannah Witherspoon, Destinee Tolbert and Indiyah Pugh
Bottom: Rebecca Cardoso, Rayvin Stubbs, Jah'Nayah Hathcock, Donea' Nelson Charles, Kiana Ellis and Ciasia McDougald



Rebecca Cardoso



Ciasia McDougald



Donea' Nelson Charles



Kiana Ellis



Rayvin Stubbs

Jah'Nayah Hathcock



seniors
2025

Class Advisor Farewell



Dear Class of 2025,

Music is the soundtrack to life. So many songs come to mind when I think about your class. But since I have to choose one song to serve as a backdrop for this message, I choose *I Was Here* by Beyoncé. Even though this song has yet to play in my Beyoncé mix that plays every morning during homeroom, I love the lyrics. They fit this moment. The song starts:

*I want to leave my footprints in the sands of time
Know there was something that meant something
That I left behind*

I've watched the *footprints* some of you have left behind since you were in kindergarten—shout out to the Tubman crew: Mia, Sajada, Rihannah, Al-Tariq, AJ, Naahzhir, Zaniyah A., and Yassan. And then others from our middle school crew who ushered in a new University when they entered as 7th graders—Nahiyyah, Di'Manay, Zaniyah, Ki-Lin, and Tyjanae. But the

class became a force to be reckoned with when everyone came together during Summer Bridge and freshman year. The Class of 2025 is full of heavy hitters—from scholar-athletes, speech and debate champions, academic achievers, artists, skilled technicians, to leaders and advocates.

It has been a privilege to watch you all grow. Even though I had some connections with some of you because of Mia, I love that I've made bonds with those of you who wouldn't even speak to me your freshman year, like Ayonna, Nahiyyah, Paradise, and Zyonna—thank you for letting me in and trusting me to guide you as your class advisor. I'll never forget we had a whole sweatshop going in Mr. Bowles's room, getting the pep rally sweatsuits together. And a special shout out to Sa'rai for that BOMB mural—that showed me that when you unite as a class, there is nothing you can't do. It wasn't about cliques or crews; it was about getting the Class of 2025 right. Just like we do with our Popcorn Tuesday store, earning a steady profit that was used to help make your senior year special. Thank you to Marlon, Ayonna, and the rest of the Popcorn Tuesday Squad for making sure the halls were filled with the aroma of buttery popcorn at dismissal. None of the things that happened this year would've been possible without Ciasia, Di'Manay, Kianda, Leonellys, and Mia—they've held it down since freshman year, planning and preparing for this moment. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work.

Class of 2025, you are leaving *something to remember—something they won't forget*. Each and every one of you has "*left your mark*." Your class marks the era of the new University. All of you have "*left your footprints in the sands of time*," and they are an indelible mark on the legacy of our school. So I'll leave you with a remix of Beyoncé's words...

[You were] *here*

[You] *lived*

[You] *loved*

[You've] *done... and it was more than you thought it would be.*

You've left your mark on the home of the Phoenix—now it's time to leave it on the world.

Class of 2025—you were *here!*



At the end of Summer Bridge on August 20, 2021, despite wearing masks due to COVID-19 restrictions, the wide variety of personalities, skills, cultures, and talents among the Class of 2025 was evident to all present. Like a classic hit song that transcends generations, this class would go on to accomplish many firsts that still resonate with us years later. Despite not taking state assessments in over two years, the class achieved an impressive gain of over 20 points on the 2021 NJSLA ELA results.

As sophomores, 78% of the class exceeded their NWEA growth goals in Reading and Language, while 58% met or exceeded their goals in Math. As juniors, 53 students took on dual enrollment classes and 68 enrolled in AP and Honors courses. In June of that same school year, history was made when 95 out of 105 students passed the NJGPA on the first administration. During the annual Sports Awards Banquets in 2022, 2023, and 2024, over 70% of the class was represented among our sports teams—proof of the talent and grit found within this class.

As seniors, a unifying joy has often come from music—whether played during our extended and Friday lunches or while reflecting during SAT prep and college application season. As we prepare to say goodbye to your high school career, I ask one thing of you: when life gets hard or difficult, “please don’t stop the music!” Each of you has a song the world is eager to hear. So no matter what, as long as you have the strength to keep striving, don’t forget to let the music inside you play. When I think about the Class of 2025, one word will always play loudly for me...Sensational!!!!

Much Love,
Dr. Chambers

Grade Level Lead Farewell

Dr. Shavon Chambers

SENIOR VOICES.

Ciasia Mc Dougald, Senior Class President



I entered University as a girl, and I'm leaving as a young woman. In this place, where I was once shy, I'm leaving here unapologetically me.

These four years have taught me valuable lessons, challenged me for the better, allowed me to meet new people, and most importantly, helped me learn myself. All songs have a beginning, and ours started in 2021.

Now, **our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades.** No matter where these roads lead us, I'll never forget the impact the staff and other students I met made on me. I wish the best to you all,
Your Class President,
Ciasia

Ahmad Abiola

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm." This quote embodies my high school journey. It speaks to me because it's a reminder that challenges are bound to happen, but we always have the opportunity to learn and grow. My time here has been filled with successes and setbacks, but I'm grateful for each experience. I'm especially proud of achieving top goal scorer for two consecutive years on the soccer team and running at the Penn Relays during my second year on the track team. I never would have accomplished these without the help of Coach Monroe, Coach Leyva, and former coach Analuisa. They believed in my abilities, even when I doubted myself. Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers for making these four years memorable. To my friends, thanks for all the laughs! As we go our separate ways, let's remember what we learned and the friendships we made.



LASTING IMPACT.

Solim Agbada



As we leave high school, we take with us both good and bad memories, lessons, and friendships that shape us.

Thank you to all my teachers for guiding my classmates and me, our families for supporting us, and our classmates for making this journey special.

This is not goodbye, but the start of a new chapter.

"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."

Geraldine Alvarado

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SENIOR VOICES.

Mary Aribó



As I look back on my high school journey, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the growth, memories, and support I've experienced. **From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm**—and this truth has carried me through challenges that once seemed insurmountable. Whether it was finding my passion for science and medicine or building friendships that felt like family, these moments shaped me into the person I am today.

To my teachers, thank you for your guidance and belief in my potential. To my friends, your laughter and encouragement made every day brighter. To my family, your sacrifices inspire me to dream big and work even harder.

As I prepare for the next chapter, I carry with me the lessons learned and the resilience built during these years. I am proud to have been part of this awesome Phoenix family.

PHOENIX!!!

Raevin Armstrong

Farewell to my best friends, Briana, Shenacy, and NyAsia. Since the incoming freshman summer bridge, it's been us. The melody of our friendship echoes throughout the halls, and **"our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."**

Farewell to my volleyball coach, Ms. Wilson, who saw potential in me and helped me discover my love for volleyball. Farewell to my band dancing coach, Ms. Chandler, who always made me feel like I had someone to talk to.

Thank you to my mom, who helped me with all my assignments; my Yaya, who made sure I never fell astray; my sister, who stayed up with me countless nights as I rushed to finish assignments; and my brother, who offered me peace in times of chaos.



LASTING IMPACT.

Sajada Austin



High school has been an extraordinary journey of growth, filled with challenges and unforgettable memories. From being buried under piles of assignments to sharing laughter with friends, every moment has shaped me.

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm." These challenges taught me resilience, while my achievements highlighted the power of dedication and perseverance. To my family, I owe everything. Mom and Dad, your unconditional love and support have been my foundation. To my sister, my partner in crime, and my little brothers, my two biggest supporters, thank you for always uplifting me. Grandma, your humor and welcoming personality helped guide me through tough times. To my heavenly grandfather, your legacy inspires me daily to push harder.

I'm especially grateful to my best friend, Rihannah, for sticking by me since kindergarten, and to Ms. Neal, for always believing in me.

Thank you all for this perfect chapter in my life.

Zaniyah Austin

My journey at University High School began five years ago when I entered as a seventh grader. Walking in for the first time, I was starstruck—it was my first experience in an actual high school, and I was excited to learn new things and grow as a person.

My first year was thrilling but unfortunately cut short by the rise of COVID-19. Adapting to online learning was a challenge, as navigating platforms like WebEx and Zoom was difficult. Despite this, I persevered and graduated middle school as Salutatorian—one of my proudest achievements.

High school brought new hardships. Returning after the pandemic was an adjustment: harder classes, new teachers, and a different atmosphere. Yet, through dedication, I maintained top grades and am now graduating in the top 5 of my class.

I find the motto **"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence"** to be truly inspiring.



SENIOR VOICES.

Erik Bautista-San Juan



"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence."

This quote has been true ever since I first arrived at University High School. From the chapter on COVID-19, I've experienced what it's like to be a high schooler. I'll tell you this: it was a whole new world compared to middle school. I made new friends, met new people, and life wasn't so bad. New lessons every day, new opportunities, and I couldn't be here without my teachers. So all I'm going to say is thank you, University High School, for giving me the opportunity to be who I am today. Thank you, Ms. Sockwell, for being very persistent with me. Thank you, Dr. Witcher, for being there for me every year. There are a lot more, but oh well—I surely will miss enjoying being a high schooler.

Najae Baxter

As I sprung in late to University High School, I found myself greeted with a warm welcome. I was nervous to leave my new friends and try to make more—especially since I had already missed a year with the Class of 2025.

When I transferred from Bard High School Early College, I thought my chances of earning both my associate degree and high school diploma were gone. But upon arriving at University, I discovered amazing opportunities—so many to choose from. Now, as a senior, I will earn my associate degree from ECC in May 2025 and my high school diploma in June 2025. I appreciate Dr. Louis for giving me this opportunity and for seeing the brightness in my greatness. Because of her, I am **"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence."**

My excellence stands with University High School, and I am proud to be a Lady Phoenix.



LASTING IMPACT.

Rihanna Bell



To my family—my mom, dad, and little brother—thank you for pushing me to be my best and always having my back. High school has been a journey that shaped me into a stronger, better version of myself.

Being part of MSU's early college classes has been a blessing, showing me the importance of hard work and dedication. **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."**

As a student, I've learned that hard work can be just as challenging as it sounds. Taking a fall from an experience gave me a major setback—but I got back up.

Speaking of setbacks, I want to give a huge thank you to Mr. Bowles, who truly made a difference in my life as a teacher and mentor. Mr. Bowles made every day better with his morning greetings.

Lastly, to my best friend since kindergarten—Sajada—thank you for being my constant through it all. I'm forever grateful!

Samiyah Bridges

As I look back on many moments during my time in high school that have molded me into the person I am today, I question which ones were the most important. The fear I had of not knowing who I'd form strong connections with dissipated over the course of these four years. That specific table in the cafeteria became the spot where I could be comfortable with every person I've become close with. **From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm**, and that is how the bonds I formed have stayed so strong.

Thank you to my mom for being my number one supporter throughout my entire life, no matter how much I worried you or got on your nerves. And I send my gratitude to my friends for being the people who have stuck by me through my worst times and my best times. Thank you, truly, everyone.



SENIOR VOICES.

Lizbeth Cabral



It's hard to believe our high school career is coming to an end. High school was full of ups and downs, late-night laughs, and moments I'll never forget. I'm so thankful for the friendships, the teachers who believed in me, and the memories that made it all worth it. Saying goodbye is bittersweet, but I know this is just the beginning of something even better.

Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades. I hope everyone does well and succeeds in whatever they decide to pursue in life.

Nyla Callaway

Each year, I experienced different emotions, but the journey was worth it. I thought high school would be overwhelming and that my classmates' personalities would be so different from mine that it would be hard to get along—but it was the opposite. I even found a friendship that went beyond high school.

During my journey of mixed emotions, freshman year was the scariest because I didn't know what to expect. I was worried about my grades and whether I could handle it. In my sophomore year, I was nervous about growing into a young woman and becoming more independent. Junior year felt okay—I knew what to expect, and I was doing well. Now in my senior year, I'm happy because it's my last year, and I can't wait to start college. I was part of the SLAM Club (Students Learning About Medicine). It was fun, especially the trips, and I think more people should join. **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm"** reminds me that we started off unsure of what we could do, but now we've grown, risen, and reached our final year of high school.



LASTING IMPACT.

Maria Campoverde-Velecela



When I reflect on my time in high school, I am reminded of the intellectual and personal development I've experienced over the past few years. Every encounter has taught me strength and tenacity—from overcoming periods of self-doubt to managing obstacles.

Although my journey within these walls wasn't always simple, the challenges helped me grow into the person I am today. Every soul I met taught me the value of empathy, caring for others, and discovering my own power.

I thank my advisors, friends, and family who have helped me in ways I will never forget. I will always hold to the belief that **"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence"** is more than a statement—it's a reflection of the path that I, and every member of the Class of 2025, have taken as we move forward in life. Remember—¡Si Dios quiere!

Rebecca Cardoso



Farewell to the auditorium stage, where countless cheer practices took place. You witnessed our growth, our hard work, and our determination. From the first step to the final routine, you were the backdrop to our victories and challenges. **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** Though we leave you behind, the memories of laughter, teamwork, and triumph will always stay with us.

Farewell to my lunch table, where we shared countless laughs, inside jokes, and stories. It was more than just a place to eat—it was where friendships grew stronger and memories were made. From the quiet moments to the loud, chaotic ones, you've been a constant in my high school journey. Though I'm moving on, I'll always remember the comfort and camaraderie you offered. Thank you for being a place of refuge and fun.

SENIOR VOICES.

Jaydah Carswell



High school has been a journey full of challenges and growth for me. Tearing my ACL in 2021 was one of the hardest moments, but it taught me resilience. Transferring to a new school gave me the chance to start fresh and focus on my academics like never before. I became more determined to succeed and cut out distractions that held me back.

I want to thank my mom and dad for always pushing me and teaching me the values and lessons that have shaped who I am today. As I move forward, I'll carry these lessons with me because, as the quote says, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."**

Jeidy Cerda Encarnación

High school didn't feel like the typical experience for me, but it taught me lessons I'll carry forever. I spent much of this time learning what it means to be responsible, independent, and resilient. Junior year, especially, tested me in ways I never expected, but through every struggle, I found strength I didn't know I had.

I'm thankful to the friends, teachers, and mentors who stood by me when things were tough. Your kindness reminded me that even in hard times, there are people who care.

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm." This quote reflects my journey. I may not have had the traditional high school experience, but I grew in ways that truly matter. As I look ahead, I'm ready to face whatever comes next with hope and determination.



LASTING IMPACT.

Rehanna Coppedge



High school was a journey I never expected to experience. Originally, I thought it would be like the movies, full of sunshine and excitement. However, sitting in Algebra One opened my eyes to reality. It was there that a boy, laughing at my struggle, quietly slipped me the answer to the problem, creating an unspoken bond that lasted all four of our high school years. (He later asked me out, lol.)

Teachers like Mr. Johnson and Mr. Forrue shaped my experience, guiding me through challenges and encouraging my voice—from Mr. Johnson's young age helping us relate, to Mr. Forrue's sternness adding to my attitude. My friend group blossomed, with amazing friends like El-Dannia, Sarah, Mia, and Ava, who gifted me with my first real sleepover and memorable mall trips. They made high school enjoyable, alongside Billy, who helped me navigate math.

As we part ways, I'll cherish these memories, hoping **our legacy remains strong and our song never fades.**

Amira Corbett

Throughout these years, we've been fortunate to build bonds that will last a lifetime. It feels like just yesterday we were walking through the hallways for the first time—not knowing how quickly it would all go by.

To the friends I made and the teachers who stuck around and kept pushing me, thank you. I could've been anywhere, but I chose the home of the Phoenix. As we part ways and step into the next chapter, let's carry forward the lessons we've learned. **"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."**

Here's to new adventures, new beginnings, and the exciting future that awaits. Farewell, but not goodbye—our paths will cross again, and the memories will always keep us connected.



SENIOR VOICES.

Jaedon Dickerson



High school has been an unbelievable journey that has brought along many obstacles, growth, and unforgettable memories. From being a part of friend groups to spending every day with myself—while still being able to take care of and appreciate myself—each year of high school has taught me something valuable that I will always keep with me.

I want to thank God, my family, my teachers—including Ms. Sockwell, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bowles, and more—for the support and guidance along the way. As I move on, I'll always remember these special four years of my life and the people and experiences that have made them worth living.

As the quote states, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** So, as I fall, I will continue to get back up—no matter what brings me down.

Thank you for everything, Class of 2025, and for being this important chapter of my life.

Marlez Edwar

As I look back on my high school journey, I'm filled with gratitude for the challenges that shaped me, the memories that will last a lifetime, and the growth that has brought me closer to my dreams.

When I first started high school, my expectations were high—I imagined it would be full of unforgettable moments and constant excitement. However, reality didn't fully match those expectations. Over time, I learned to accept that high school was something I just had to go through. Despite this, I still had some fun experiences, like making new friends and joining the SLAM program, which became my favorite part of this journey.

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm," and I am proud of how far I've come. I want to thank my family for their unwavering love and sacrifices, my friends for their laughter and support, and my teachers for believing in me—even when I doubted myself.

To my fellow graduates: let's continue to rise and create a legacy of excellence. The best is yet to come!



LASTING IMPACT.

Kiana Ellis



Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades." In these past four years of my high school career, I have left an amazing legacy. I have come so far from my freshman year to now, and I am very proud of myself. Although I put in the work and brought myself here, I cannot forget to give thanks and appreciation to those who helped me through my journey. Some people I would like to shout out are Mrs. Sockwell, Ms. Wallace, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Bowles-Jones, Mrs. Hamilton, and Dr. Chambers.

Over these years, they have helped me find myself and become more confident. I also want to thank my friends and family for sticking with me. As I end this journey and move on to the next chapter of my life, I will not forget the memories made along the way.

Tyjanae Fleming



My years at University High School have been very eventful—from arriving here at age 13, to navigating COVID, and finally returning to normal life midway through my sophomore year. I'm going to miss the burgundy lockers, the hot classrooms, and the cafeteria that was never quiet. Throughout these years, I've made precious memories and formed bonds that I hope will last for years to come.

I want to thank my friends, family, and sports for keeping me on track during the school year—without them, I wouldn't have made it to the finish line.

To my friends and underclassmen, I hope you all succeed in everything you do. To my fellow graduates, **always remember: our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades.**

SENIOR VOICES.

Shenacy Gaspar



People say, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." His plans can be unexpected, challenging, and totally different from my own—but I am grateful that He knows best. I'm thankful to have reached this milestone in my life and appreciate all those who played an important role in this journey. I am especially grateful to God for giving me daily strength and for the plans He has for me, both when I'm up and when I'm down.

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."

I appreciate my mom and sister to the fullest, along with the rest of my family. I am thankful for my coaches—Coach Chandler and Coach Wilson, and Nurse Spicer—who have had my back since day one. And to my homegirls, this high school journey wouldn't have been the same without you: Rayvin, Nyasia, Brianna, and especially my Rylyn, who keeps me pushing each and every day.

To the Class of 2025, I wish you the best and look forward to our rise!

Sa'Rai Gordon

As we stand on the brink of graduation, let's cherish the memories and friendships we've built together.

Remember, **"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."** Each of us leaves a mark on this school, and as we move forward, let's carry that spirit with us.

Here's to the laughter, the challenges, and the moments that shaped us. Though we may part ways, our bond will remain.

Best wishes to the Class of 2025!



LASTING IMPACT.

Za'Myah Hairston



Wow, we made it! High school has been one wild ride—from awkward moments in the hallway to making memories that'll last a lifetime. I've learned more than I ever expected: how to juggle homework, survive tests, and still find time for friends.

Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers for their support and encouragement. You made all the difference.

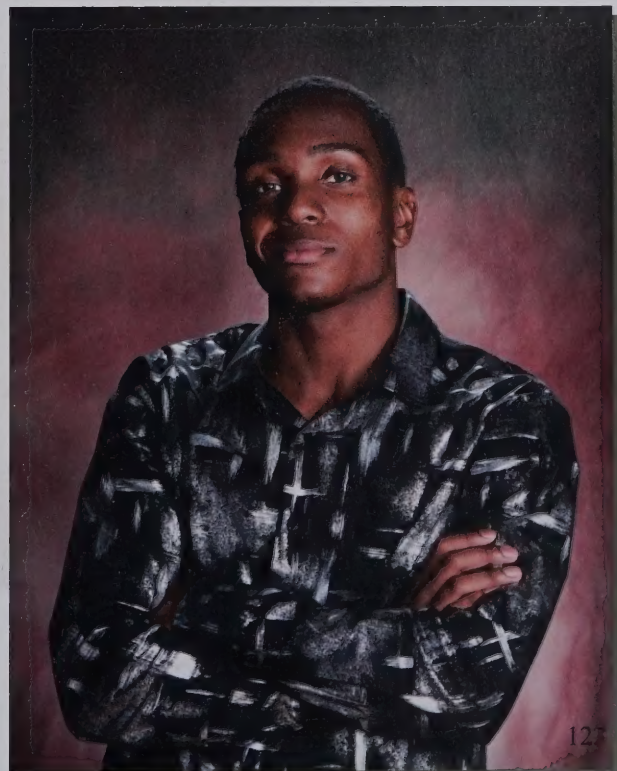
As we move forward, let's remember: **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** We've grown so much, and now we're ready to take on whatever comes next.

Here's to the Class of 2025—**our legacy soars in excellence, and our song will never fade!**

Al-Tariq Hamilton

I thank UHS for all the things they have provided me with in order to be where I'm at. It's been a long journey in this school, and the trail was not easy to overcome, but gladly, I did. I've been in this school since 7th grade, and I cannot believe this is my last year. I thank my Allah (God), my parents, Principal Hamilton, my math teachers, and my science teachers. They really helped me get through these 6 years, and hopefully, I will use their life lessons as I enter the Air Force.

My favorite Phoenix quote is **"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence."** This really stands out to me because it shows that life, work, growth, and development never stop.



SENIOR VOICES.

Cadera Harrell



Although it's bittersweet to say goodbye to this chapter of our lives, I'm excited for the future and the opportunities that await each of us. No matter where life takes us, I believe we will all continue to grow and achieve great things. Let's carry the lessons we've learned here into the next phase of our journey, knowing that the friendships we've made and the memories we've shared will always be a part of who we are. **Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.**

Wishing everyone the best of luck and happiness in whatever comes next. High school may be ending, but our story is just beginning.

Jah'nayah Hathcock

As I step into the next chapter of my life, I'll carry the memories of this journey with me, forever grateful for the experiences that have shaped me. These four years have been long, but every moment was a lesson in growth. I owe a special thank you to Dr. Witcher, Ms. Sockwell, and Mr. Dixon—staff members who have not only witnessed my growth but have consistently supported and encouraged me to strive for excellence. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to my friends, Jeidy and Michaela, who have always been by my side, offering unwavering support both physically and emotionally. **Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.** Farewell, and may blessings and success follow each and every one of you.



LASTING IMPACT.

Samiyah Hutchins



These last four years have been bittersweet. I am finally happy to say that my high school journey is over. I've made happy memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life, but I'm truly glad to look forward and not walk through these halls for another year.

This year helped me find my passion for football and basketball, and it allowed me to grow and learn who I am as a person. I wish to rise in harmony because I believe I am destined for excellence. Every day I walked through these doors ready to go—now I will be exiting the doors of University High School and opening the doors to my future.

So now, goodbye from the best class: 2025!

"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."

El-Dannia Hylton

Farewell to the vending machines that took my money but never gave me any snacks. In a way, though, that frustrating experience led me to meet some great people. I was struggling with one machine after it took my five-dollar bill but refused to give me the overpriced green tea I wanted. As I stood there, a classmate noticed and came over to help. Together, we rocked the machine back and forth, hoping it would give in. Unfortunately, it didn't—but that moment started a new friendship. We've been close ever since.

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."



SENIOR VOICES.

Kimaya Jones



I could say so many things about my high school journey, and still, the words would not come out quite right. My journey has been full of several ups and downs—happy and sad moments, hard and easy moments—but all in all, it has been an absolute blessing. There were so many times when I could have given up because the work was too much or too challenging, but God wanted me to keep going because I was bred for those moments. I want to thank my mom, my God-moms, and my best friends Sha'Ne, Amina, Za'Myah, and Di'Manay for never leaving my side and believing in me when I did not believe in myself. I have so many favorite memories over the last four years, so it's hard to choose just one—but my all-time favorite has to be the Teen Pep Retreat.

"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."

Mia Jones



It's crazy to think I've been at Uni for 6 years. Yes, 6 years. During my time here, I've made friends and met people and mentors I will cherish for the rest of my life. Everyone—from the teachers to the support staff, and fellow students—shaped me into the person I am today. Trust, I've had my fair share of challenges—like ending my freshman year with a 3.2 GPA because I had big fun. But that shaped me, and I wouldn't trade my journey for anything because,

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."

I'll always remember Mrs. Hamilton's daily check-ins, even though she does this for all 500+ students. She makes me feel like it's just me. And Mrs. Sockwell, whose passion for books and life lessons I'll carry with me always. My cheer coaches for always being my biggest cheerleaders. UHS will always be my second home.

Shoutout to my Tubman friends—we've been together since kindergarten—and to my family for always having my back. Once a Phoenix, always a Phoenix. This isn't goodbye, Uni—it's see you later. Once a Phoenix, always a Phoenix.

LASTING IMPACT.

Backling Kari Kari



As I reflect on these unforgettable years, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for the challenges that shaped me, the achievements that inspired me, and the moments that defined my high school experience. From stepping into AP classes to earning a spot on the Principal's List, and leading alongside incredible peers, I've grown in ways I never imagined. To my family, friends, teachers, and mentors—thank you for believing in me and fueling my drive. "From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm," and I'm proud of how we've risen together. Here's to the Class of 2025—**our legacy soars in excellence, and our song will never fade.**

Aaliyah Littles

Reminiscing on these past four years, there have definitely been many ups and downs, but overall, they have taught me many things. I am filled with gratitude for the lessons, memories, and friendships that have shaped me. Even though 2025 is my first and last year attending this school, I have met some caring and trusting people who I consider family. From the laughter in the hallways to the challenges that pushed me to grow, every moment has been a part of my journey. To my teachers, thank you for inspiring me and guiding me. To my friends, thank you for making every day brighter. To my coaches, who've pushed me to be the best I could be. To my family, thank you for always supporting me. As I move forward, I carry with me the wisdom and strength I've gained here. Truly, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** and I am proud of the legacy we leave behind.



SENIOR VOICES.

Jayden Lopez



I hope this finds whoever is reading this well. My experience at University High School has been eclectic; I can never forget the transition into high school and how much it meant to me. I was so worried about not being able to fit in, but University showed me what family feels like, and I've never felt more loved in my life. These walls have taught me so much about myself, how to make new friends, maintain an excellent work ethic, and most importantly, they taught me that **our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.** I am forever grateful to University High School, the staff, the administrators, and most importantly, my best friends. I'm incredibly blessed to have found my family in my forever home as a Phoenix.

Mia Mack

Starting out freshman year, everything was new and scary. I thought it would be middle school pt. 2 because of the people. However, freshman year was filled mostly with new friendships and Mrs. Sockwell. Sophomore year, I was more focused on drama than work. Now I wish I knew about my sports/clubs then. Junior year was where everything changed—college classes, sports, getting out and making myself comfortable instead of everyone around me. Senior year, after a better group and new responsibilities, I can say that regardless of what happens around you, high school will be what you make it. Reaching out and trying new things, talking to new people, and making yourself a priority is the best thing you can do. So listen to your music, **from every fall, you will rise in perfect rhythm**, and good luck Charlie!



LASTING IMPACT.

Sharee McCutchen



"You gotta keep your head up, even when the road is hard—never give up." – Tupac Shakur

During my high school years, it was somewhat difficult because you're moving to a different level of achievement, success, and academics that will lead into your life. But I had people in my life who helped me overcome the obstacles I came face to face with. High school is fun when you're with the right people.

I just want to say thank you to the teachers who helped me during my four years of high school and to my friends who've supported me and been with me through thick and thin.

With that being said, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."**

Briana Monroe

My rhythm didn't come until my sophomore year of high school. The only thing that played every day was "Pink + White" by Frank Ocean. This song became my soundtrack, bringing peace and inspiration throughout my journey. Over the years, I gained more than just knowledge. I built lasting friendships, formed unbreakable bonds, and learned valuable lessons about life and my mindset. There were challenges, of course, but they only pushed me to rise higher, and as the saying goes, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** To my family, friends, and teachers, thank you for your unwavering support. You've helped shape me into the person I am today. I leave high school not just with achievements, but with the confidence and wisdom to take on whatever comes next. Here's to the future, where our legacy soars in excellence, and our song never fades.



SENIOR VOICES.

Zymirah Muhammad



I wanted to grow up so bad when I was little because that meant I got to make my own decisions and do half of the things I wanted. I couldn't wait to enter high school because I thought it was going to be just like the movie "High School Musical". Lol, silly me right? It's definitely the complete opposite of what I imagined. While almost everything stressed me out, I've learned to calm down and take my time. I also want to shout out to my mom and Ms. Hamilton for being there for me whenever I have a mental breakdown because of the amount of stress I was put under. **Rising in harmony, destined for excellence.** Although high school requires a lot of responsibilities, remember to LIVE and keep smiling with your head up. Farewell class of 2025, Quaracks chucking up the deuces! Isaiah 43:2 <3

Donea' Nelson Charles

As I reflect on my high school journey, I am filled with thankfulness for the memories and lessons learned.

There were challenges, but I've learned that **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."**

Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers for your relentless support. You have been my pillars of strength, guiding me through every step. I graduate with special memories and excitement for what comes next.

Here's to new adventures and the legacy we'll continue to create together!



LASTING IMPACT.

Layla Phillips



I THANK THE CLASS OF 2025 for making my high school experience one to remember. I created long-lasting friendships and made many memories with people I see in my future.

Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.

To my teachers who pushed me to be the best version of myself, I thank you. This is just the beginning of a new chapter in life. Hope to see you all at the TOP!

XOXO,
LAYSkill

Jeff Prempeh

My journey at University High was not an easy one. There were many challenges that I faced, like balancing the workload from honors, AP, and college classes, and at the same time being a scholar-athlete. There were times when I felt like giving up, but I didn't; I pushed forward and succeeded. Despite the challenges, there were many memorable moments, like the field trip to the African American Museum in Washington, D.C., which proved to be the best field trip as it left me wanting to relive the moment over and over. I had many achievements, such as achieving honor roll or higher for every quarter of the four years, and having many opportunities to grow. Thank you to all the teachers and faculty that helped me be successful through my journey. The Class of 2025 will be memorable. **Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.**



SENIOR VOICES.

Di'Manay Randolph



As I think back on my time in high school, all of the experiences, lessons, and even challenges have helped me become the person I am today. Those late-night study sessions with my MSU group—when we leaned on one another and always rose together, dedicated to excellence—are just one of the many treasured memories in my journey.

I will never forget our nurse, Ms. Spicer, and her unwavering leadership, as well as my time spent with the SLAM Club. Ms. Spicer showed me the importance of truly caring for people, and I will carry that lesson into everything I do.

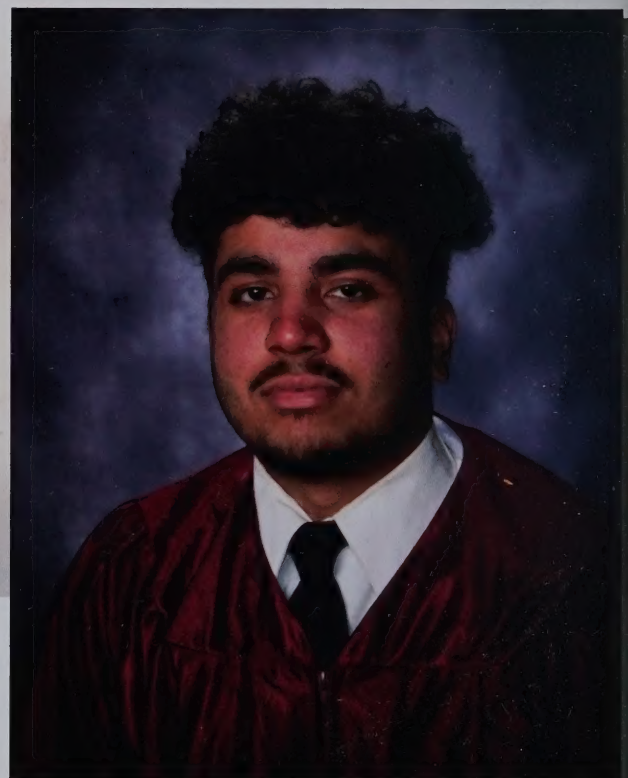
I am truly appreciative of my teachers, friends, and family for supporting me, even when I had self-doubt. I was able to persevere because of their faith in me.

"Rising in harmony, destined for excellence."

I'm confident that the relationships we've built here—through our victories and our failures in pursuit of our dreams—will sustain us as we start our new beginning. It's not over yet; this is just the start of something bigger.

Faizan Rathore

Life goes fast, especially in high school. You learn to express and love yourself in ways you never thought possible. I used to be shy and insecure about the things I did and the way I talked, but started changing that because I realized I only live once, and there's no point in staying back to reminisce about the opportunities I was given to change. I joined the soccer team with my friends, and we made the BEST memories together. I started enjoying coming to school and being more social. Life doesn't always have to be taken seriously. Realizing that there's no one coming to save you and that only you can save yourself and God is the best realization moment ever. Learn to live in the present, forget about yesterday—it's in the past—and don't worry about tomorrow if it doesn't exist. Respect yourself and do things that will help leave a legacy for your name and who you were, just as the quote goes, **"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."**



LASTING IMPACT.

Kiandra Rodríguez



Four years—a roller coaster of good, bad, and what even was that? But honestly, I wouldn't change it. Every twist and turn forced me to figure out who I really am. The laughs, the lessons, the mistakes—they all added up to something real.

To my friends, family, and teachers: thank you for dealing with me and pushing me, even when I swore I was done. You all played a part in this messy, beautiful journey, and I'm grateful for that (even if I didn't say it enough).

It's bittersweet to leave, but hey, like they say, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** So here's to the Class of 2025—rising, falling, and figuring it all out along the way.

Leonellys Rodríguez

Farewell, Class of 2025!!!!

I thank high school for giving me my forever friends and these memories. I want to thank all of my teachers for truly listening to me and making high school much better than it was.

Rising in harmony, destined for excellence, I truly thank my family for pushing me to become a better student and persevere.

THANK YOU, HIGH SCHOOL!

XOXO,
Nellybelly



SENIOR VOICES.

Djeneba Sacko



A message to all the 9th–11th graders:

Never doubt yourself.

Don't wait until the last minute for anything you want.

Be your own self.

Pick your own path.

High school flies by so fast, and during your senior year, you might find yourself in your head—mad about every opportunity you could've had if you had followed the right people.

Thank you to God, my family, friends, cheer coaches, track coaches, teachers, guidance counselors, and office clerks. I appreciate all the support you have given me and all the challenges you've been through with me.

With that being said,

"From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."

Lizbeth Santana

Looking back, high school has been a symphony of moments—some loud and joyful, others quiet and challenging. From the laughter shared at the lunch table to the tears shed during tough times, each experience has shaped me. I'm proud of the challenges I've overcome, the goals I've reached, and the personal growth I've experienced along the way. To my friends, family, and teachers—your support has been the melody that carried me through.

As we move forward, I will always hold onto the memories that built me. **"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."** The lessons learned here are part of my rhythm now, and I'm excited to see where the next verse takes me. Thank you for being part of my journey. Here's to new beginnings and continuing the music of our lives!



LASTING IMPACT.

Amir Smith



Our legacy soars in excellence—therefore, our song never fades.

I can't believe high school is almost over. In just a couple of months, I'll no longer enter these halls as a student. It seems like just yesterday I was a freshman, meeting new people in my burgundy and grey uniform. I remember looking at my schedule that first year, not knowing where any of my classes were. I first met Coach E when he had me working out with the basketball team during the summer—since I was the incoming freshman. There were plenty of new faces, but they treated me like their little brother on the very first day. My freshman year didn't end the way I would've liked, but it was a good year overall.

Now it's my senior year...

Class of 2025 — WE THE BESTTTTT!!!!!!

Tawanah Smith



Class of 2025,
When I first walked through the doors of high school, I never imagined how much this place would shape me. At first, I wasn't sure if I'd ever feel at home here, but now, as we leave, I realize how much I'll miss it all—the laughs, the lessons, and the people. I'm so thankful for the chance to take dual enrollment and college-level courses, which pushed me harder than I thought I could handle. Because of that opportunity, I'm not just graduating with a diploma but also an associate's degree, something I'll carry with pride. To my teachers, family, and friends, thank you for believing in me even when I doubted myself. As we move forward, let's remember, **"Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades."**

Here's to the future, Class of 2025.
With love,
Tawanah

SENIOR VOICES.

Samiyah Spencer



As I look back on many moments during my time in high school that have molded me into the person I am today, I question which ones were the most important. The fear I had of not knowing who I'd form strong connections with dissipated over the course of these four years. That specific table in the cafeteria became the spot where I could be comfortable with every person I've become close with. **From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm**, and that is how the bonds I formed have stayed so strong.

Thank you to my mom for being my number one supporter throughout my entire life, no matter how much I worried you or got on your nerves. And I send my gratitude to my friends for being the people who have stuck by me through my worst times and my best times.
Thank you, truly, everyone.

Dre'shawn Starks-Jones

Farewell to the school that has made these four years of high school an amazing experience. I came into my high school life thinking I would get torn down without being able to build myself back up, but it has done nothing but push me higher in my own life. I've developed so many relationships and friendships with so many amazing people that keep me tethered to this school, and I hate to leave—but it's my time to shine elsewhere.

And for those who come after me to fill in my shoes, just remember: it's okay to fall down, because **from every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm**—together.



LASTING IMPACT.

Rayvin Stubbs



During this journey, the end never seemed near. As I approach the last months of senior year, I realize I will leave behind everything I once knew and create a life I will later know. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass but learning how to dance in the rain." I lived by this, which led me to achieve in sports, work harder academically, and excel, growing into a better person through each year. I am thankful for my teachers, specifically Ms. Lopez, who helped me develop my lifelong career interest, and Mr. Ware, an amazing physical education teacher who always lends a listening ear. I am thankful for the relationships I built, even when people doubted my judgment the most. At University High School, I learned to stay true to myself and who I am because **our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades.**

Ki-Lin Thomas



High school has been a journey full of ups and downs, but **"from every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm."** One of the things I'm most proud of is overcoming my struggles with mental health and learning how to move forward. It taught me to be stronger and to find ways to cope, like learning a new skill of writing, which I was never interested in but now has become my new form of better expressing myself and being motivated to write every day. I've grown a lot through these challenges, and I'm thankful for everyone who stood by me—my family, friends, and anyone who believed in me when I doubted myself. The support has meant everything, and it's helped me rise to where I am today. I'm ready to take on whatever comes next.

SENIOR VOICES.

Zyonna Tillery



Senior year has finally come to an end.

Growing up, they say these four years of high school will go by super fast—and they were right. These years came with many challenges, emotions, and personal growth. Yet, **"From every fall, we rise in perfect harmony."**

I would like to give a big shoutout to all my teachers, friends, and everyone who supported me through it all. I've enjoyed every moment here at University High School and wish everyone the very best.

Nahiyyah Williams

To the Class of 2025: **Our legacy soars in excellence, therefore our song never fades...**

First, I would like to give a shout out to ME—THE BIGGEST, THE BADDEST...

I'm excited for the new endeavors I'm about to embark on. These four years weren't easy; each year I met a new me. I learned myself, met new people, and built good connections with those I want to grow with. High school prepared me for what's next to come, and I feel more prepared than ever!

To each of my classmates—good luck in the real world, and see you at the TOP.

XOXO,
NB



LASTING IMPACT.

Krystian Wilson-Williamson



Farewell to the person I am today, because tomorrow I will be anew. Over the past four years, I have changed—over and over again—day after day, semester after semester. I've met a lot of people and changed because of them.

Our legacy soars in excellence; therefore, our song never fades. I hope over the past four years I have made an impact on my friends' and teachers' lives. I'm not the same person I was as a freshman, sophomore, or junior—and even today, as a senior, I feel like I'm starting fresh again. So, I hope you like the new me.

Malakai Yepes

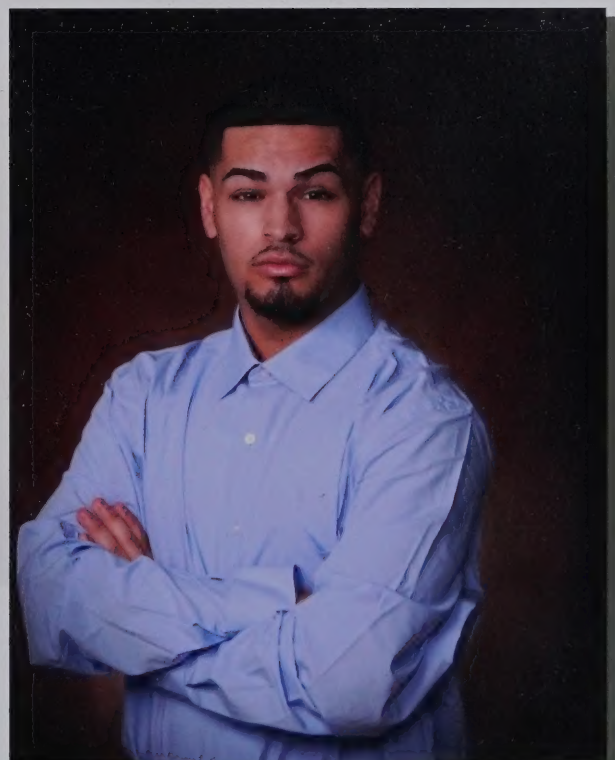
My empowering journey throughout high school started on a rough note. I wasn't an approachable person, and I had no idea how life truly was. However, the greatest lesson I was taught is that it doesn't matter how you start—it's how you finish. **From every fall, we rise in perfect rhythm.**

From my freshman year to my senior year, I have soared beyond the skies in my academics and my achievements outside of school. I have gone beyond a level I never would've imagined.

To Ms. Doretta Sockwell—thank you for helping me realize my dream of becoming an author.

To Mr. Saul Grullon—thank you for believing in my talent from the day we met, leading to profound success and a deep sense of fulfillment in Forensic Speech.

I could not have made it this far without either of them, and I know my college journey will reflect all of the time, effort, and dedication they have poured into me.



SENIOR VOICES. LASTING IMPACT.

University High School Class of 2025

High school has been a journey filled with challenges, growth, laughter, and unforgettable moments that have shaped who we are. Through sleepless nights, tough lessons, new friendships, and personal milestones, we've learned what it means to persevere, lean on one another, and rise above obstacles. From the classroom to the lunch table, from the stage to the sports field, every memory has contributed to our story. As we step into the next chapter, we carry with us the strength we've gained, the connections we've built, and the lessons that will continue to guide us. **From every fall, we rise in harmony**, stronger, wiser, and more prepared for what lies ahead.



SENIOR VOICES. LASTING IMPACT.

University High School Class of 2025



CONGRATULATIONS

Sajada Austin

Katura Hudson
Aneshia Jones-Jackson
Nathaniel Jones
T'Chaka Sharif
Christopher Jones
Gladys Davis
Vallee Davis
Sean Davis
Tahon Williams
Taisan Davis
Jennifer Jones
Samaiyah Swaby
Steven Creekmur
Mason Creekmur
James Reynolds
Annette Williams
Pamela Duncan
Donielle Davis
Henry Davis
Terrell Davis
Dashaun Davis
Jade Davis
Khadijah McCalla
Aysia Brister
Aliyah Tonic
London Pyrus
Amanda Wilson
Alexandra Wilson
Ulysses Wilson
Charisse Kemp

Kimaya Jones

Claressa Austin
Monair Johnson
Gracie Austin
Saniyah Austin
Shacor Withers
Gabriel Withers
Mateo Withers
Omar Austin
Khadesha Butler
Chyquin Austin
Cheryl Whithers
Renae Cherry
James Battles
LaGuanda Frazier
Gregory Frazier
Desmond Speight
Evette Williams
Sarai Williams
Willie Joe Steen

Ciasia McDougald

Charmir - Mir Mir
Aunt Keisha
Uncle Kevin
Uncle Boo-Boo



Amira Corbett

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Kenny Jones
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Symone
Jurnee
Montgomery
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Deanna Phillips
Andrew Jr.
Donald McDaniel
Rhonda McDaniel
Brenda Lewis
Troy Holmes
Latoya (MOM)
Blessin Wiggins
Gerald Davis
Andrew Sr. (DAD)
Alexis Lucas
Ahmad Lucas

CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2025
Graduate



Amya Berry

CLASS OF 2025



To my beautiful firstborn daughter, Amya Tianah Berry,

You are intelligent, beautiful, kind, laid back, and effortlessly cool. You have big aspirations and the drive to achieve greatness. As you step into the world to accomplish amazing things, always remember I am your number one supporter. No matter what, I am just a phone call away. If you just need a listening ear or anything big or small, never hesitate to reach out to me or Derrick. You have blossomed into a remarkable young lady, and I am honored to be your mom. Keep reaching for the stars because you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

Love, Mommy
Xoxo





To my pumpkin Di'Manay, your future is brighter than you think. Keep reaching for the star's baby girl and shine your light. Please believe that you have made your loved ones proud. We're thankful for you.

- Auntie Laytesse



Pattycake, you've filled my heart with so much joy. Keep following your dreams. Always know that I'll be cheering you on every step of the way.

Love you forever, Papa

Di'Manay Randolph



To my sweet niece Di'Manay, I'm so proud of the amazing person you've become. Your strength, kindness, and creativity light up every room. Watching you grow has been a true joy, and I know you're destined for greatness. Can't wait to see all you'll achieve!

Love, Auntie Claire

To my beautiful daughter Di'Manay, words can't express how proud I am of the amazing young woman you've become. From your first steps to this moment, watching you grow has been a blessing.

Your kindness, determination, and strength inspire me every day. I cherish all our memories, and I'm so excited for the future you're creating. Keep shining bright! Love you always, Mom



In your heart, I see the future, filled with hope and aspirations, Di'Minay. Follow your dreams and never give up. You can change the world. You will never outgrow a place in my heart.

I love you forever,
Proud Grandmother

Congratulations Ahmad. Remain on top of the ladder of success. We are proud of you.

Ahmad Abiola

Congratulations son, I'm indeed proud of you and your success - From Dad.





Layla Phillips

Layla, this journey with you has been so beautiful. We got to experience the good, the bad and the ugly. The joy is how we persevered. You have shown me how to turn trauma into triumph. I can't imagine being able to move along as a growing teen without the guidance of my mom. It's not easy to move through life with a loss so significant. I am so proud that you didn't let the worries overpower how greatly you knew you could flourish. I have always instilled in you to not let your emotions stop you from soaring to places that were destined for you. In this season you will go far with your kind heart and willingness. I love you the most and I'm super proud of the young woman you've become. I hope I made you as proud as you made me in my effort to raise you to become a queen. Congratulationsssss to you my girl or Big Lay; as you call yourself. lol These colleges better get ready for you girl because you're definitely coming in strong! Shout out to class of 2025

Love, Keke

Kimaya Jones

**CONGRATULATIONS
KIMAYA!!!**

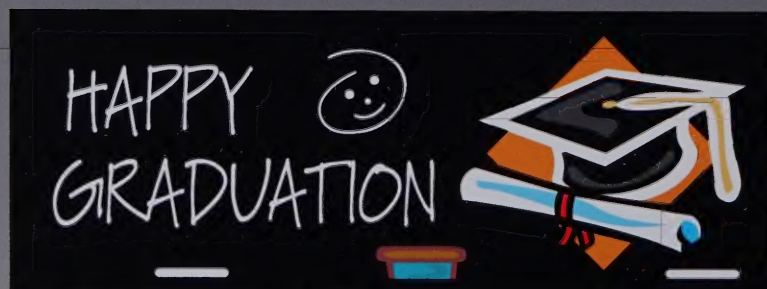
**WE ARE ALL VERY
PROUD OF YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
YOU DESERVE IT ALL
SO DREAM BIG AND
NEVER STOP!**

**WITH LOVE AUNTIE
SHAY, FOREVER,
LONDON AND DUTCHESS**

Kimaya Jones

**To my Niecey-Pooh,
Go out into the world
and show the Amazing
Women of God we see
everyday! We are so
proud of you!**

**Love, Auntie Lex, Nyah
& Winter!**





**Congratulations
Kimaya!**

Words cannot express how incredibly proud you have made our family. Your smile has been lighting up this world since you were able to form it. Keep God first and let him do the rest. You did it!

**Love Always
Mommy**

Kimaya Jones

**Congratulations
Kimaya!**

**We are so proud of
you.**

**Love Aunt Angie,
Uncle Joe, Ellie and
Samantha**

Congratulations Kimaya,

**"Your determination and
hard work have paid off
in a big way."**

**It always seems impossible
until it is done."**

- Nelson Mandela

Love, Auntie Althene



Congrats Baby Girl/Best Friend/Big Sis!!!

We are soooooooooo proud of you and this latest accomplishment of yours, which will certainly be followed by more. Keep up the great work and know that we are ALWAYS cheering you on.

Love you ALWAYS.....

MOMMY, ERIC & PRINCE Z

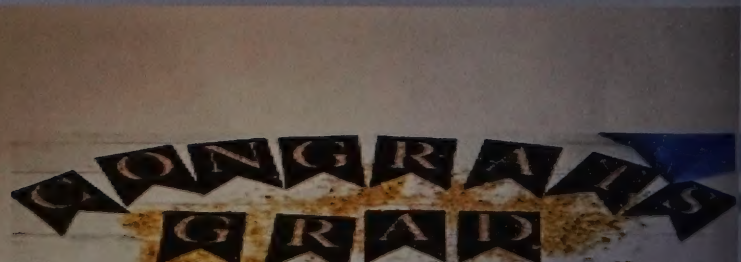
Raevin Armstrong



Great Job Bookie. I always knew you could and would succeed with EVERYTHING you put your mind to. Now KEEP going.

Love your BIG sister "Bubbles" lol

**Congratulations
RAEVIN!!!!!!!!!!
MUCH SUCCESS GOING
FORWARD IN YOUR LIFE.
UNCLE J.J.**





Raevin!!!
Our Baby Girl is doing her BIG
ONE, 2025 Graduation!!
It seems like just yesterday
you started your journey as a
freshman at University High
School—and now look at you
this beautiful, smart and
talented young woman
POPPING OUT for the world
to see.



Always remember...
Behind you, all your
memories
Before you, all your dreams
Around you, all who love you
Within you, all you need.



We are excited to see your
future unfold.
Forever in your corner
cheering you on
Your Family and Tribe

WE LOVE YOU BABY GIRL!



Congratulations Raevin!!

Raevin Armstrong



*God
says*

YOU ARE

UNIQUE

PSALMS 139:13

SPECIAL

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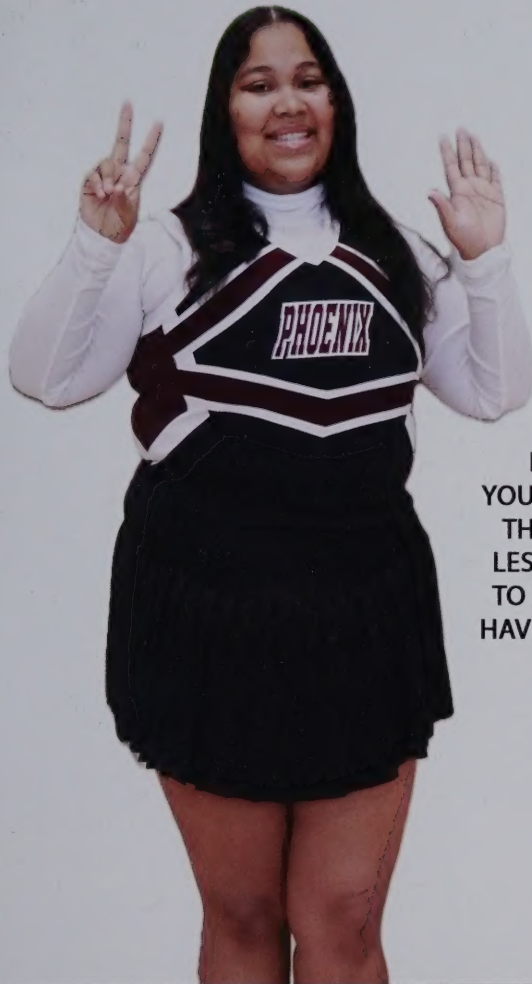
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Mia Jones

Raevin Armstrong



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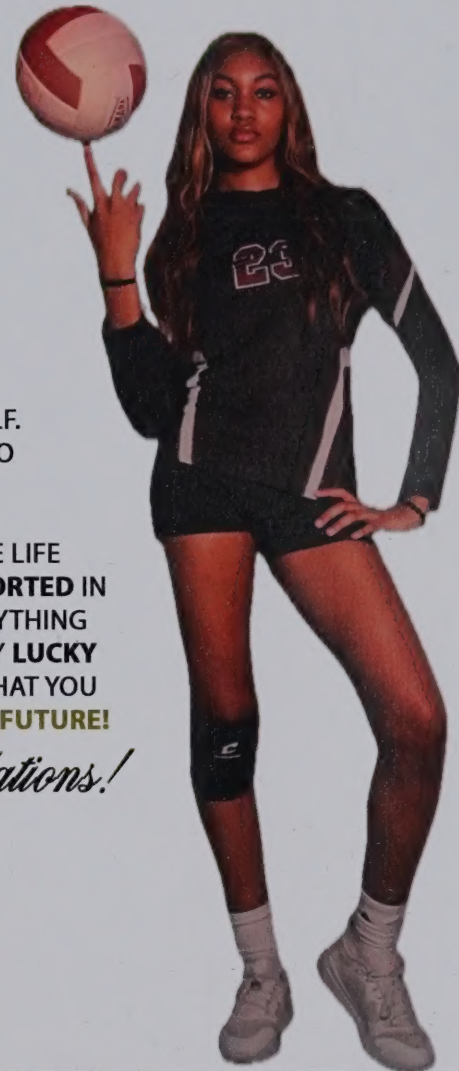
You did it!

**AND WE COULDN'T BE
MORE PROUD**

LIFE IS NOT ABOUT **FINDING** YOURSELF.
LIFE IS ABOUT TAKING THE TIME TO TO
CREATE YOURSELF.

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO CREATE THE LIFE
YOU DESERVE. YOU ARE **LOVED** AND **SUPPORTED** IN
THIS JOURNEY, SO **NEVER SETTLE** FOR ANYTHING
LESS. WE CONSIDER OURSELVES INCREDIBLY **LUCKY**
TO BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE **YOU** AND **ALL** THAT YOU
HAVE **DONE. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!**

Congratulations!



**The Pretty Pearls of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Send Our Heartfelt Love
and Congratulations to Mia and Raevin!**

**We Pray God shower you with all HIS Blessings as you begin your new
journey as college women.**

**Be kind to yourself and others, showcase your great qualities, discover
new talents and interests, make the most of every opportunity.**

You can do it, and you should be proud of yourself!

Love Always, Stephanie Jones and Roslyn Skyles

Congrats Mia!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

NEVER SETTLE. NEVER QUIT.



Love Always,
Mom, Dad
&
Laila



CAP & GOWNED
HBCU
ROUND



Mia Jones



Congrats Mia!!

We love you always and we are proud of you Hawaiian girl.

Love Always,
Grandma, Uncle Tas, Aunt
Jasmine, Nasiq, Jasmir, &
Eileyiah





Mia,
We can't believe you're
graduating. Where did the
past 18 years go?
Your family Loves you, we
just wanted you to know!!



Mom-Mom, Pop-Pop, B,
Uncle DJ & Uncle G

Mia Jones





My Dearest Mia,

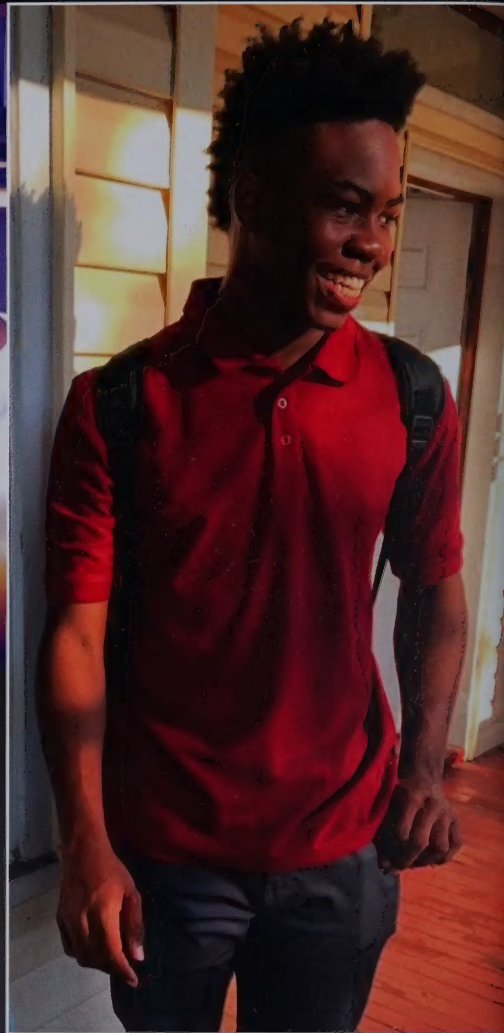
Aliyyah & I are extremely proud of you. You've grown into an incredibly smart, beautiful, strong young woman. (Tears) I love you with ALL my heart! The world is yours baby girl. Go out there and show them what an amazing human being Stephanie & Jay created, touched with a little bit of fire from Laila, can do.

Aliyyah & I love you to no end. Aliyyah is so thankful for having the relationship she has with you. Thanks for setting the bar. Muah!
Love Leemah & Aliyyah

Mia Jones

To my beautiful niece,
Mia,
I am so proud of you and
rooting for you every
step of the way! I have
no doubt that you will be
an incredible lawyer who
will soar to great heights.
Can we say SCOTUS?
#period
#onceaphoenixalwaysaphoenix
Love you always,
Aunt Tami





Yasir Green

To my Son Yasir:

Never forget that whatever you go through, no matter what, I will always Love You!

Never doubt that you are valuable, powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world! You only fail when you stop trying.

Love Mom xoxo

Amira,

Amira Corbett

We are so proud of you, your talent, your strength and your will to push and perform at your greatest potential. Continue to move forward in life knowing that you can do anything you put your mind to.

**Love Aunt Dyamond
and Aunt Destiny**

To our granddaughter
Amira:

In our eyes you bloom as
vibrant as a sunflower.
Keep growing and inspire
the world with your
radiance.

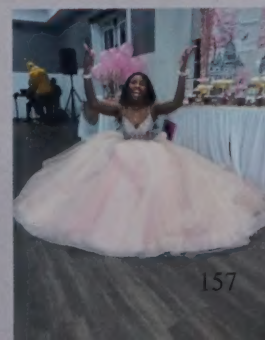
Love Nanny and Pop
Pop



**Ciasia,
Life offers few
chances to
experience love
that can't be
measured. I am so
honored to be
your mother.**

Ciasia McDougald

**Be courageous, remain
focused, welcome the
positive, inhale
confidence, reject defeat,
stay beautiful inside &
out, accept every part of
who you are, and most of
all know you are
loved beyond measure.
Love, Mom**

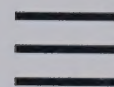




Ciasia McDougald

The world awaits your
brilliance and I'm so
incredibly proud of the
young woman that you've
become. Embrace the
challenges and celebrate
your triumphs as you
embark on this exciting new
chapter. Believe in yourself
& never stop learning as you
chase your dreams with
determination &
passion.

- Love Aunt Shay



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Class of 2025

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! 2025 AND BEYOND KEEP PUSHING!
-THE YARD**

S A J A D A



Sajada Austin



To My Beautiful Daughter Sajada,

I'm so happy to be a part of your life and to experience this journey with you. You have worked so hard to get where you are today and this is just the beginning. I just want you to stay focused and never give up. I'm so proud of you. You have inspired me in so many ways, and I'm so happy to be on this journey with you.

THANK YOU CLASS OFFICERS

Ladies-- you have done an amazing job planning these milestone moments!

Since freshman year you've worked tirelessly to create memorable moments for you and the rest of the Class of 2025. I cannot wait to see what is next.

Congrats ladies, I don't know what I'm going to do without you.

With Love,

Mrs. Jones



President



Vice-President



Treasurer



Secretary



**Lady
Phoenix
on 3,
Family
On 6!!**

Congratulations to the seniors of the Lady Phoenix Volleyball team — your journey from no gym and late nights in the dome, to finally playing on a true hardwood floor has been nothing short of inspiring. You've grown into remarkable athletes, and your presence, passion, and perseverance will be deeply missed — Six Phoenix, On the Court, Bump-Set,

Kiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii!! Congratulations, Class of 2025!

Love, Coach Wilson and Coach Chandler



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NOW PLAYING FROM YOUR PLAYLIST

Autographs

Thanks for the memories. Now go turn up your future!





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